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Lead Plaintiff New Zealand Methodist Trust Association, by and through its undersigned counsel, brings this action pursuant to Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"), and U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder, on behalf of itself and all other persons or entities who purchased or otherwise acquired securities of Zuora, Inc. ("Zuora" or the "Company") during the period from April 12, 2018 to May 30, 2019, inclusive (the "Class Period") and were damaged thereby (the "Class"). Lead Plaintiff alleges the following based upon personal knowledge as to itself and its own acts and upon information and belief as to all other matters. Lead Plaintiff's information and belief is based on the ongoing independent investigation of its undersigned counsel, including from the following sources: (i) Zuora's public filings with the SEC; (ii) research reports from securities and financial analysts; (iii) Company press releases and reports; (iv) Company website and marketing materials; (v) news and media reports concerning the Company and other facts related to this action; (vi) price and volume data for Zuora securities; (vii) consultation with experts; (viii) accounts from former Zuora employees; and (ix) additional materials and data concerning the Company and industry as identified herein.

I. INTRODUCTION

1. This securities class action arises from Defendants' false and misleading statements and omissions about the functionality of Zuora's subscription order-to-cash platform, Zuora Central, and its flagship software application products, Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro. Throughout the Class Period, Zuora represented Zuora Central acted as an intelligent subscription management hub that automated, integrated and orchestrated the entire subscription order-to-cash process, including billing through Zuora Billing, and revenue recognition through Zuora RevPro. Defendants, however, concealed the existence of significant technical challenges that prevented the successful integration of Zuora's two core products, ultimately resulting in reduced revenue growth, missed sales, and waning demand for Zuora's platform and applications. Defendants' misrepresentations about the functionality and configuration of Zuora's principal offerings inflated the price of Zuora's common stock until Defendants' disclosure of the integration failure resulted in sales execution issues and disappointing financial performance and outlook, causing the stock price to plummet.



- 2. Zuora purportedly offers a multi-tenant Software as a Service (SaaS) solution that enables companies to automate and manage their existing subscription businesses, or create subscription business models, across pricing, billing, customer payment and collection, and revenue recognition. The Company has benefited from the explosive growth in what Zuora refers to as the "Subscription Economy," a term that the Company coined shortly after its founding in 2007 and trademarked in 2010. The Subscription Economy refers to the shift in both consumption and selling behavior over the last decade from a product or service centric approach to a subscription model centered around ongoing customer relationships.
- 3. Zuora differentiates itself from competitors in this nascent and fast-growing market by purportedly offering a functionally robust, single system of record for subscription businesses to manage their monetization strategies, billing terms, customer payment and collection, and revenue recognition.
- 4. Zuora's core product is called Zuora Billing, an application Zuora originally launched in 2008, which is designed specifically for subscription billing and used by nearly 90% of Zuora's customers. Another core module, RevPro, came to the Company via the acquisition of Leeyo Software, Inc. in May 2017. RevPro is a revenue recognition solution used by over 10% of Zuora's customers. Zuora refers to Billing and RevPro as its "flagship products," either of which can initiate a customer relationship. Sales of Zuora Central and its subscription-centric products have traditionally accounted for over 70% of the Company's total annual revenue.
- 5. Unbeknownst to investors, throughout the Class Period, due to technical challenges, Zuora's customers using Billing and RevPro were unable to integrate and reconcile the data from both systems. According to well-placed, reliable former Zuora employees with personal knowledge of the subject matter, as well as Defendants' post-Class Period admissions, the technical issue caused so much friction and was so severe that customers either needed to export the data from Billing and import it into RevPro manually for revenue recognition, or invest a significant amount of time and resources to build their own customized integration that ingests the required data from Billing into RevPro.

- 7. Not surprisingly, Zuora's subsequent efforts to deploy and configure a Billing-RevPro integration for customers fared no better. In early 2018, in the midst of the failed ZoZ project, Defendants commenced a new project, codenamed "Keystone," intended to build an integration solution for Zuora's existing customers. The integration technology proved so unsuccessful on customers' systems that the Company decided to scrap the technology entirely in April 2019. Once again, the Executive Defendants were informed of Keystone's failures through contemporaneous Google document reports and regular project meetings.
- 8. Further, Defendants knew that this fundamental technical flaw resulted in upset customers, protracted installations, massive delays in customers going live on RevPro, and elongated recognition of revenues. Defendants were also informed that once prospective customers caught wind of the integration issue, it resulted in missed RevPro sales and even waning demand for Zuora's platform and other homegrown product modules. All of these client-based issues were documented on Zuora's SalesForce database to which the Executive Defendants had access. In addition, Zuora's Sales Vice Presidents repeatedly informed Executive Defendants of these problems both through inperson meetings and email communications.



1	9. Nevertheless, throughout the Class Period, Zuora and its executives concealed this
2	integration failure, while repeatedly claiming that the customer could bill, recognize revenue, and
3	automate the entire customer lifecycle from a single platform with ease. The Company represented
4	that its "solution functions as an intelligent subscription management hub that automates and
5	orchestrates the entire subscription order-to-cash process, including billing and revenue recognition,"
6	and "you can quote, order, bill, recognize revenue, report, and automate the entire customer lifecycle
7	from a single platform[.]" Rather than disclose the fundamental defect in its solution, Defendants
8	touted that the Zuora platform could help "companies of all sizes launch, scale and transform into a
9	subscription business," specifically by allowing customers to "successfully [b]ill accurately with
10	automated invoices that reflect everything from up-to-date proration and plan changes to usage-based
11	billing," while concurrently, "[a]ccount for revenue, comply with the latest revenue recognition
12	rules, close books faster, orchestrate subscription transactions, and process revenue in real-time."
13	Indeed, Defendants falsely claimed that Zuora could "deploy and configure our portfolio of order-to-
14	cash products," including Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro. Defendants further represented that
15	Zuora's "solution enables businesses to easily change pricing and packaging for products and
16	services to grow and scale, to efficiently comply with revenue recognition standards, and to build
17	meaningful relationships with their subscribers." In the Defendants' own words, Zuora's value
18	proposition was "more centered around automation and efficiencies versus simply compliance."
19	10. During this same window, the Company was able to successfully complete its initial
20	public offering in which Zuora sold 12.7 million shares of common stock to the public at a price of
21	\$14.00 per share, netting nearly \$160 million in cash proceeds. Defendants' positive statements
22	about the functionality of its solution garnered admiration from securities analysts and leading

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performance. During the Class Period, Defendant Sloat made \$16.89 million in insider sales, including selling nearly half of his total holdings in Zuora on March 28, 2019, just a week after Zuora announced positive fourth quarter fiscal year 2019 and full fiscal year 2019 results, but one month before Zuora's disastrous first quarter 2020 would end. Another Zuora insider, Marc Diouane, who was relieved of his position as President and head of sales when Zuora disclosed significant issues involving sales execution and the integration of RevPro with Zuora Billing, earned approximately \$11.13 million in insider sales. Notably, nearly half of Mr. Diouane's earnings from insider sales came in a single transaction on April 30, 2019, which was the final day of Zuora's first quarter fiscal year 2020, and only a month before Zuora announced Diouane's removal.

12. The market learned the truth on May 30, 2019, when in connection with its first

Zuora's senior management were also able to cash in on the Company's stock price

- quarter fiscal year 2020 financial results, Zuora announced declining revenue growth and slashed its fiscal 2020 revenue guidance to a range of \$268 million to \$278 million, from prior guidance of \$289 million to \$293.5 million. The Company disclosed that the product integration for Billing and RevPro "is taking longer than expected" and that "the technical work to complete the integration is taking time as these are complex mission-critical systems." As a result of the product integration delay, the Company slowed down RevPro implementations. The Company also reported certain sales execution problems that slowed down its ability to cross-sell its products, which "resulted in lower professional services and subscription revenue in the quarter."
- 13. On the conference call with analysts following the report, Defendant Tzuo came clean and admitted that Defendants had long known of the integration failure, stating, "honestly, we didn't really have time and the resource to focus on the integration between [Billing and RevPro] until after the [ASC] 606 [wave] was complete. So we didn't really start heavy work on the integration until early last summer, late spring, early last summer. And long story short, we went down one direction that proved to be a dead end, a false direction."
- 14. Analysts were shocked by the Company's disclosures, including the revelation of the Billing-RevPro integration failure. One analyst at Jeffries asked Defendant Tzuo incredulously, "I mean you bought [RevPro] 2 years ago. So like it's hard -- like how can it not be integrated?"

15. On this news, the Company's share price fell \$5.91 per share, nearly 30%, to close at \$13.99 per share on May 31, 2019, on unusually heavy trading volume, erasing nearly \$520 million in market capitalization in a single trading day.



16. In the aftermath, Defendants have made additional admissions of their knowledge of the integration failure. Indeed, Defendant Tzuo characterized the Company's original failed attempts to integrate the two systems as being "silly" and something "we probably could have caught [] a little bit earlier." Defendants have even gone so far as to issue a product overview acknowledging "the friction from reconciling two systems" and stating that where a client is "using both Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro, the integration between two systems is likely to be a pain point to you." Defendants further admitted that before releasing a Zuora Billing – Zuora RevPro Integration product in limited availability in July 2019, a customer would need to either export the data from Zuora Billing and import it into Zuora RevPro manually for revenue recognition, or invest a significant amount of resources to build a customized integration that ingests the required data from Zuora Billing into Zuora RevPro. Yet, despite purportedly coming up with an integration fix, Zuora has continued to post disappointing financials and its share price has languished.



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17. By this action, Lead Plaintiff seeks redress for losses it and other Zuora investors suffered after purchasing common stock during the Class Period at artificially inflated prices.

II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 18. This action arises under Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. §§ 78j(b), 78t(a), and 78t-1(a)), and Rule 10b-5 (17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5) promulgated under the Exchange Act.
- 19. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action pursuant to Section 27 of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. § 78aa) and 28 U.S.C. § 1331.
- 20. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to Section 27 of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. § 78aa) and 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) and (c). At all relevant times, Zuora conducted business in this District and maintained its headquarters in this District at 3050 South Delaware Street, Suite 301, San Mateo, California 94403. In addition, many of the acts charged herein, including the preparation and dissemination of materially false and misleading information, occurred in substantial part in this District.
- 21. In connection with the acts alleged herein, Defendants, directly or indirectly, used the means and instrumentalities of interstate commerce, including, but not limited to, the U.S. mails, interstate telephone communications, and the facilities of national securities exchanges.

III. PARTIES

A. Lead Plaintiff

22. Lead Plaintiff New Zealand Methodist Trust Association ("MTA" or "Lead Plaintiff") is a registered charitable trust under the provisions of New Zealand's Charitable Trust Act 1957. Established in 1978 and based in Christchurch, New Zealand, MTA receives and is entrusted with the investment of funds from organizations within the Methodist Church of New Zealand (the "Conference"). MTA's purpose is to provide income and capital yield on the available monies the Conference entrusts to MTA. As of June 30, 2018, MTA manages over NZ \$300 million in assets for its beneficiaries. As set forth in the certification filed with this Court (ECF No. 26-3), MTA purchased Zuora common stock during the Class Period and was damaged by Defendants' conduct alleged herein.

B. Corporate Defendant

23. Defendant Zuora is a corporation organized under Delaware law and headquartered at 3050 South Delaware Street, Suite 301, San Mateo, California 94403. The Company also operates offices in Atlanta, Boston, Denver, San Francisco, London, Paris, Beijing, Sydney, Chennai and Tokyo. The Company has approximately 600 employees and 1,000 customers, including Caterpillar, The Financial Times, HBO, Ford and General Motors. Zuora's stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"), which is an efficient market, under the symbol "ZUO." As of May 30, 2019, Zuora had approximately 88 million shares of stock outstanding, owned by at least hundreds or thousands of investors. Throughout the Class Period, Zuora disseminated SEC filings, press releases, investor presentations, marketing materials, product descriptions, and other reports containing material misrepresentations and omissions about the security and performance of its processors.

C. Executive Defendants

24. Defendant Tien Tzuo ("Tzuo') is, and was at all relevant times, the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Zuora, a company he co-founded in 2007. Before founding Zuora, Tzuo was one of the "original forces" at salesforce.com, joining as employee number 11.¹ Defendant Tzuo built the billing system for salesforce.com and also launched the Salesforce AppExchange. Defendant Tzuo and other early Zuora employees are credited with building Zuora's platform and products "from the ground up as a single-instance, multi-tenant cloud-based offering." During the Class Period, Tzuo made materially false statements and omissions about the functionality of Zuora's platform and product modules in the Company's public filings, at investor presentations, and during conference calls. Tzuo also was present when other Defendants made statements or omissions on these subjects without correcting them. Tzuo executed certifications relating to Zuora's false and misleading reports filed with the SEC, including Zuora's IPO Prospectus filed on Form 424B4, quarterly reports for each quarter of fiscal year 2019 and the first quarter of fiscal year 2020 filed on Forms 10-Q, and the Annual Report for fiscal year 2019 filed on Form 10-K. Tzuo directly participated in the management and day-to-day operations of the



¹ https://www.zuora.com/people/tien-tzuo/

Company and had actual knowledge of confidential proprietary information concerning the Company and its business, operations, and products. Tzuo also shared primary responsibility for ensuring that the Company's SEC filings and other public statements or releases were complete, accurate, and did not omit material information necessary under the circumstances to make them not misleading. Because of this position of control and authority, his ability to exercise power and influence over Zuora's conduct, and his access to material inside information about Zuora during the Class Period, Tzuo, at the time of the wrongs alleged herein, was a controlling person within the meaning of Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act.

Defendant Tyler Sloat ("Sloat") is, and was at all relevant times, the Chief Financial 25. Officer of the Company. Sloat joined Zuora's executive management team to serve as CFO in 2010. Sloat describes himself as the "Guardian of the Business Model" and has stated he is responsible for managing "Accounting, Finance, Legal, HR, Tech Ops, Comm Sales." Other Zuora executives have publicly described Sloat as "wear[ing] a number of hats" at Zuora, and that he is the "right-hand person" of Defendant Tzuo.³ During the Class Period, Sloat made materially false statements and omissions about the functionality of Zuora's platform and product modules in the Company's public filings, at investor presentations, and during conference calls. Sloat also was present when the other Defendants made statements or omissions on these subjects that he knew to be false and misleading, yet took no steps to correct those statements. Sloat executed certifications relating to Zuora's false and misleading reports filed with the SEC, including Zuora's IPO Prospectus filed on Form 424B4, Results of Operations and Financial Condition; Financial Statements and Exhibits for each quarter of fiscal year 2019 and the first quarter of fiscal year 2020 filed on Form 8-K, quarterly reports for each quarter of fiscal year 2019 and the first quarter of fiscal year 2020 filed on Form 10-Q and the Annual Report for fiscal year 2019 filed on Form 10-K. Sloat directly participated in the management and day-to-day operations of the Company and had actual knowledge of confidential proprietary information concerning the Company and its business, operations, and products. Sloat

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² See https://www.linkedin.com/in/tylersloat/, as of November 1, 2019.

³ Deutsche Bank Technology Conference (Sept. 10, 2019).

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26. Defendants Tzuo and Sloat are collectively referred to as the "Executive Defendants."

IV. SUMMARY OF THE FRAUD

A. Zuora And The "Subscription Economy"

- 27. Zuora is an enterprise software company that designs and sells software-as-a-service applications for companies. The Company provides subscription commerce, billing and finance systems to its enterprise clients on a subscription basis, which enables companies in various industries to launch, manage, and transform into a subscription business.
- 28. The Company has two reporting segments: (1) Subscription, which consists of fees to access and use Zuora's products, as well as customer support; and (2) Professional Services, which consists of fees for helping deploy, configure, and optimize the use of Zuora's solutions.

 Subscription has traditionally accounted for over 70% of the Company's total annual revenue. Zuora only starts to recognize subscription revenue when the customer has access to the Zuora application.
- 29. When the Company was founded in 2006, it coined the phrase "Subscription Economy," as it predicted a new business environment in which traditional product or service companies would shift toward subscription business models, where products and services can be priced based on usage, consumption, and outcomes. Zuora purportedly saw an opportunity to capitalize in this market since legacy Enterprise Resource Planning ("ERP") software systems were built with the old product-based model in mind, working in a very liner fashion (i.e., a customer orders a product, is billed, payment is collected, and the revenue is recognized.) In contrast, according to Zuora, the new subscription-based models do not operate like this, and the legacy

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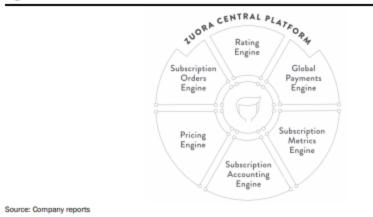
systems are incapable of handling the complexities associated with ongoing customer relationships, such as prorated billing, complex revenue recognition, and flexible plans.

30. While the notion of subscription payments was nothing new, as one market commentator noted, the secret to disrupting this model – much like Uber's secret to disrupting the taxi market – is in the technology operating behind the scenes.⁴

B. **Zuora Central And Its Flagship Products**

- Zuora provides three separate categories of subscription-based offerings: (1) a 31. platform; (2) SaaS products; and (3) third party applications.
- 32. The Zuora Central Platform is the core, or hub, of Zuora's subscription management solution and is purportedly composed of six core engines: pricing, subscription orders, rating, global payments, subscription metrics, and accounting.

Figure 2: Zuora Central Platform



⁴John Adams, Fintechs watch Wall Street to determine subscription billing's future, PaymentsSource (Apr. 18, 2018), https://tinyurl.com/y4sswuyq.



Products
Figure 3: Portfolio of SaaS products



Source: Company reports

- 33. Zuora offers five SaaS products that purportedly leverage the power of the underlying Zuora Central Platform.
- 34. Zuora's primary and most widespread product is Zuora Billing. Zuora Billing provides customers with the flexibility to bill in multiple ways, calculate proration when needed, group customers into batches for different billing and payment operations, set payment terms, consolidate invoicing across multiple subscriptions, and collect revenue. Zuora Billing was initially launched in 2008. Over 850 of Zuora's 971 customers used Zuora Billing as of the end of fiscal year 2018.
- 35. In May 2017, Zuora acquired revenue recognition software provider Leeyo Software Inc., which allowed Zuora to add into its order-to-cash product portfolio Leeyo RevPro®, subsequently rebranded as Zuora RevPro. Similar to what Zuora Billing does for managing subscription model processes, RevPro automates the range of internal, multi-departmental processes required to comply with the new Accounting Standard Codification 606/International Financial Reporting Standards 15. Zuora has over 100 customers using RevPro.
- 36. Under ASC 606, companies must allocate and recognize revenue based on the satisfaction of distinct performance obligations and according to standalone selling prices. In order to comply, companies must modify their accounting policies and business rules, as well as accurately identify and group transactions within revenue contracts. Public companies were obligated to adopt the new standard by the start of their fiscal year beginning after December 15, 2017. Private

companies were entitled to delay adoption until the start of their fiscal year beginning after December 15, 2018.

- 37. Certain industries, such as aerospace, construction, telecom, and software, were impacted by the new ASC 606 standard more than others. Since Zuora has traditionally held a high customer concentration in the software and telecom industries for its Billing product, Defendants consistently promoted that these customers were prime targets for cross-selling. Defendants also assured investors that demand for RevPro would not drop off after the imposed ASC 606 implementation deadlines. Defendants consistently noted that companies would attempt to adopt ASC 606 using traditional financial tools or internal systems, which likely would prove cumbersome.
- 38. The Company immediately heralded the RevPro acquisition as creating a "one-stop shop for automating financial operations, further increasing Zuora's dominance in the \$102 billion market for Subscription Economy® tools."
- 39. Analysts were also quick to laud the RevPro acquisition. For example, MGI Research Managing Director stated, "This is a smart move that unites the best of breed leader in revenue recognition with an Agile Billing leader. It's a win for Leeyo and Zuora customers, and adds breadth and depth to Zuora's play in delivering an Agile Monetization Platform."
- 40. Defendants, however, recognized the need to immediately integrate RevPro into its solution. Indeed, Defendant Tzuo stated, "Because ASC 606 is happening now, it's not like we have two years to build this product." "For the last six months we said 'we have all these customers, they need ASC 606, they need it now." 5

C. Zuora's Direct Sales Process And Defendants' Visibility Into The Sales And Implementation Information

41. Zuora sells its products to prospective customers primarily through a quota-bearing direct sales force, which is supported by pre-sales representatives and sales development representatives (i.e., inside sales focused on outbound prospecting), as well as by marketing,

⁵ Denise Lugo, *Zuora Buys Leeyo Software to Tap Into Accounting Niche*, Bloomberg Law (Mar. 17, 2017), https://tinyurl.com/yyclhdlw.



operations, and legal personnel. Zuora has customer success representatives that manage existing accounts, and a small inside sales team focused on upsell.

- 42. The direct sales force is separated into product franchise teams across the U.S., Europe, and Asia, and organized by customer size and industry verticals. The sales team consists of: (1) Strategic account representatives that focus on the largest, named accounts; (2) Enterprise account representatives that typically focus on deals that are approximately \$100,000 or greater; and (3) Commercial account representatives that focus on deals with between \$50,000-\$100,000 and generally customers with under 250 employees.
- 43. Zuora's internal professional services team is responsible for managing customer deployments and configurations.
- 44. Defendant Sloat emphasized the "visibility" its direct sales and professional services model offers to Defendants during a conference call with investors on June 5, 2019:

[W]e break our business into franchises. And franchise to us is really kind of a segment of our go-to-market machine. That could be an enterprise West, enterprise East all the way through to our RevPro product. So it's bifurcated by the go-to-market end customer, to some extent, where we have commercial groups servicing the small companies all the way up to strategic who are named accounts and it's also bifurcated by products. So we have our Billing product and our RevPro product today, and those are separate sales where we have dedicated reps in each side. What this allows us to do is actually manage the -- and have visibility into the productivity down to the franchise level so that we can see how a franchise is doing. We can feel -- not feel, but we know when to make investments and expand that franchise or to keep it stagnant for a little bit as they kind of absorb what we've and digest what we've already invested into it. We then have our implementation services, which is really our internal services, which is responsible for bringing our customers live successfully on our software, on our platform.

45. Defendant Sloat has also written about how as CFO of Zuora he "owns the business model" by employing an operational strategy that allows him and other Zuora executives to have "full visibility" into the sales and deployment process:

Let me illustrate with my own job — I approach it everyday through the lens of our business model. We run an operating model internally that we call PADRE — Pipeline, Acquire, Deploy, Run, Expand. Then we add PPM to the model which is Product, People and Money. This is essentially the framework for our weekly report to a cross-functional team with representatives from each of those elements. We run a subscription business, meaning that every function essentially touches the customer and can have upstream and downstream impacts. We want to be able to analyze and report on any meaningful metric within each pillar of PADRE-PPM that would help us serve our customer base better, and in turn, ultimately provide a better financial result for the company.



My team has full visibility into this framework, and we work closely with every single function on their metrics and their benchmarks. We collaborate on how they influence change within their departments not only to optimize for how their team is doing, but also for the upstream and downstream implications. We tie it all together and stay focused on the larger picture. It's the CFO's job to provide that view and to then provide all the layers of data to guide the functional leads so that they can make educated decisions. (Emphasis in original).⁶

D. Zuora's Successful Initial Public Offering

- 46. Zuora's acquisition of Leeyo Software, Inc. paved the way for the Company to go public. On December 27, 2017, Zuora submitted to the SEC a draft registration statement on Form S-1 related to its proposed initial public offering ("IPO) of the Company's Class A common stock.
- 47. In connection with the IPO, Zuora released an April 2018 Investor Presentation in which the Company prominently promoted its two flagship products, Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro.

TWO FLAGSHIP PRODUCTS



48. The April 2018 Investor Presentation emphasized that Zuora's "customers grow with us over time," and highlighted that there were "multiple paths to expand," including through the "Cross-Sell Flagship Products."

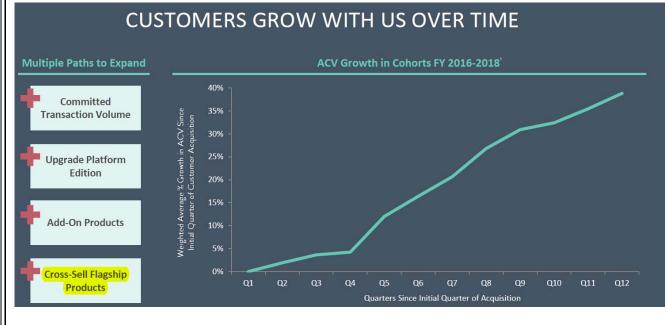
⁶ Tyler Sloat, *CFOs: It's Time to Own the Business Model*, Finance Digest (Apr. 8, 2016), https://tinyurl.com/yxutjfh7.



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- 49. The registration statement, prospectus, and prospectus supplement were subsequently amended and became effective as of April 12, 2018 (the "Registration Statement").
- 50. The Registration Statement highlighted the functionality and integrated features of Zuora's solutions, stating "our solution functions as an intelligent subscription management hub that automates and orchestrates the entire subscription order-to-cash process," and claimed the solution "offer[ed] a flexible pricing model and automated billing, streamlined collection, and efficient accounting features."
- 51. The Registration Statement also promoted that Zuora's platform and products acted as a "Single System of Record," which "captures financial and operational data, enabling subscription businesses to have a single system of record rather than having to reconcile data from multiple systems." The Registration Statement further stated that the solution was "architected specifically for dynamic subscription business models" and included the following depiction of the solution's integrated features.





	52.	The Registration Statement claimed that, "Our solution enables customers to
successi	fully	. Bill accurately with automated invoices that reflect everything from up-to-date
proratio	n and p	plan changes to usage-based billing," while concurrently "Account for revenue,
comply	with th	ne latest revenue recognition rules, close books faster, orchestrate subscription
transact	ions, a	nd process revenue in real-time."

- 53. The Registration Statement also promoted Zuora's ability to deploy and configure its solution on its clients' internal systems, stating "We can deploy and configure our portfolio of order-to-cash products to meet a wide variety of use cases for subscription business models," including Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro.
- 54. The Registration Statement emphasized that its solution "Free[d] Up IT and Engineering Resources," and that with Zuora, "engineering and IT departments no longer need to build in-house custom systems or customizations for their ERP systems to keep up with market changes, ongoing customer demands, and new order-to-cash processes."
- 55. The Registration Statement promoted Zuora's ability to generate future revenue growth, noting that "Once customers are operating on our solution, we have multiple ways to expand our footprint and drive revenue growth from these customers, which we refer to as upsell," including that "Customers that started with Zuora Billing or Zuora RevPro can also subscribe to the other flagship product."
- 56. The Registration Statement also contained pages and pages of generalized possible "Risk Factors" that "may" occur and "if" they did "actually occur," "could" "materially and adversely affect[]" Zuora's business. For example, Zuora warned that it *may* be "unable to integrate acquired businesses and technologies successfully," which *could* "consume resources that are necessary to sustain [its] business."
- 57. The Registration Statement's representations about Zuora's solution made the IPO a rousing success. On April 16, 2018, the Company announced that it had closed its IPO selling 12,650,000 shares of its common stock, including full allotment to underwriters, at a price to the public of \$14.00 per share and raising over \$162.2 million in net proceeds.

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58. Zuora's statements about its platform and products were well-received by securities analysts. For example, in initiating coverage, analysts at Morgan Stanley noted that Zuora could sustain competitive differentiation versus traditional enterprise resource planning vendors in the near term, as the platform has been built to handle the "complex and dynamic nature" of subscription billing. Similarly, in recommending Zuora as a "buy," Jefferies identified RevPro as a "New Beachhead with Significant Near-Term Revenue Opportunity," and cited the "significant cross-sell opportunity between over 850 Zuora Billing customers, many of which face ASC 606 compliance challenges, and over 100 RevPro customers at the end of fiscal 2018." Jeffries expressed confidence that RevPro would see continued demand even after the deadline for ASC 606 compliance, as "the automation of revenue recognition is a widespread and important business need." Similarly, in its initial report to investors, Canaccord Genuity observed that the "opportunity before Zuora is plentiful" and Zuora's "two beachhead products, Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro" are addressing "two pain points in the Subscription Economy – the need for flexible billing and for revenue recognition automation."

E. Defendants Concealed That Zuora's Solution Lacked Connectivity With RevPro

- 59. Unbeknownst to investors, Defendants materially misrepresented the functionality of its solution in the Registration Statement and omitted to disclose a fundamental technical challenge adversely impacting its Central platform and related software application products. Specifically, customers using Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro could not successfully integrate the data from both systems.
- 60. Reliable former employees of Zuora provided firsthand accounts explaining this integration failure. For example, a former Senior Manager Global Services / Principal Solution Architect and Zuora Integration Architect worked at Zuora from June 2017 to April 2019 ("CW-1"), at the former Leeyo office in San Jose, CA. CW-1 reported to VP, Global Services Karthik Ramamoorthy, who is still employed at Zuora. Mr. Ramamoorthy reports to the C-suite executives.
- 61. CW-1 has extensive knowledge regarding the functionality and implementation of RevPro, as before Zuora acquired Leeyo Software, Inc., CW-1 was employed at Leeyo as a senior



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software engineer from December 2014 to May 2017 and was responsible for providing product implementation and customization for RevPro.

- 62. While employed at Zuora, CW-1 worked to assist Zuora's customers automate their revenue operations and functions with RevPro to comply with ASC 606 and IFRS 15. This included integrating Zuora RevPro with customer's ERP systems. CW-1 said the integration typically entailed sending customer information to the Zuora RevPro cloud using REST API (Representational state transfer application interface) and SFTP (SSH File Transfer Protocol).
- 63. During CW-1's employment at Zuora, CW-1 said that for customers using Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro there was a huge friction in reconciling the two systems. CW-1 said the integration failure stemmed from a source data problem arising from the design of Zuora Billing.
- 64. CW-1 explained that the data within Zuora Billing was not very robust and had limitations. CW-1 explained that Billing could not provide ERP information or otherwise come up with the data points needed for proper revenue recognition in RevPro. CW-1 explained that Zuora needed to come up with a solution that could transport the Billing data into RevPro transaction lines.
- 65. The incompatibility between Zuora's homegrown products and RevPro was further corroborated by a high-ranking project manager/subject matter expert at Zuora ("CW-2"). CW-2 worked at Zuora from October 2017 to September 2018 and reported directly to Zuora's C-suite executives, including Chief Information Officer Alvina Antar, who reported to Defendant Sloat. CW-2 became aware of the issue with reconciling Zuora Billing and Rev Pro immediately upon coming on board at Zuora, which was shortly after Zuora acquired Leeyo in Fall 2017. CW-2 said that Zuora was attempting to integrate RevPro, characterizing it as a "huge integration." The problem with the RevPro integration was the data source, CW-2 said. According to CW-2, Zuora was the source for the data and the Company was trying to take the Zuora data and create an order-to-revenue integrated data flow. CW-2 said that the data within Zuora Billing was not very robust, "There were some limitations; the data was not structured enough and not uniform." CW-2 also said the "Zuora platform is very open for companies to decide how to structure their subscriptions; [but] they did not integrate an engine to extract data and load it into RevPro."

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F. Defendants Knew Of The Integration Failure Before And Throughout The Class Period

Reliable former employees have confirmed Defendants knew of the integration failure between Zuora Billing and RevPro before and throughout the entirety of the Class Period, based on their knowledge of failed internal and external implementation projects.

1. The Failed Zuora On Zuora ("ZoZ") Project

- 67. Defendants knew of the integration failure before and throughout the Class Period based on Zuora's failure to effectively integrate and implement RevPro internally. CW-1 stated that after acquiring Leeyo and RevPro, Zuora began attempting to implement RevPro for its own internal use in or around October 2017. The internal implementation was part of a large project called "Zuora on Zuora" or "ZoZ," which CW-1 had a principal role in working on. ZoR, which tested RevPro and Zuora's compatibility, was a further extension of the "Zuora on Zuora" or "ZoZ" project.
- 68. Zuora's internal implementation project was further substantiated by CW-2. According to CW-2, it is an industry best practice to try to test your own "wine" (i.e., product) first, "so you try to implement it internally before you actually take it out and sell to a customer."
- 69. Zuora's C-suite executives were directly involved in the ZoZ internal implementation project, including ZoR. CW-1 worked under the direction of Zuora's CIO Antar, who was responsible for the Company's internal business applications and infrastructure. CIO Antar then reported to Defendant Sloat on the "Zuora on Zuora" or "ZoZ" Project.
- 70. CW-1 said the other executives involved in the "Zuora on Zuora" or "ZoZ" internal implementation project included Revenue Senior Director Mike Quinn, who left sometime in 2018, and Senior Director, Revenue Lauren Whelihan, who joined Zuora in November 2018. Zuora SVP of Product Tom Krackeler and CIO Antar team's also worked on the project, according to CW-1.
- 71. Zuora encountered significant integration challenges in doing the internal implementation such that it could not connect its platform functions with RevPro. CW-1 stated that Zuora attempted to use an integration platform referred to as MuleSoft. CW-1 further stated, however, that the integration was "not sufficient." CW-1 confirmed that despite extensive work, Zuora was not able to successfully overcome the challenges. CW-1 said that he knew that the

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RevPro integration they were working on would not work as early as the end of 2017 or beginning of 2018.

- 72. Zuora's failed internal integration and implementation of RevPro through the MuleSoft platform was further corroborated by CW-2. CW-2 explained that MuleSoft was a confirmation layer that is used to connect two systems and transfer data from host to target. CW-2 said that Zuora attempted to use MuleSoft for its internal implementation and had been working on it already when he came on board at the Company. Specifically, when CW-2 joined in November 2017, Zuora already had the product purchased, licensed, on-boarded, implemented, operation licensed, and had built code for months, CW-2 said. CW-2 confirmed that Zuora attempted to make their MuleSoft effort work from Fall 2017 until May 2018, but they could not accomplish what they needed to. According to CW-2, MuleSoft itself was not the failure, per se. CW-2 said that "MuleSoft is only a platform and it's used by thousands of companies successfully." CW-2 added that "MuleSoft can do what you ask it [to] do." Rather, Zuora was deficient in its use of the MuleSoft platform. In particular, CW-2 attributed the problems Zuora experienced using MuleSoft to integrate RevPro to, "the operation, the business goals, the knowledge, the execution, the planning, and the hard thinking through of the product and the solution."
- 73. Zuora's highest executives were informed of the integration failure occurring in the "Zuora on Zuora" or "ZoZ" project. CW-1 confirmed that the results of the implementation were reported with regularity to CIO Antar, who headed the project. Together with the project manager, CW-1 also spoke directly to SVP RevPro Product Jagan Reddy and Zuora VP Ramamoorthy multiple times about the integration failure. In addition, CW-1 attended weekly "Zuora on Zuora" or "ZoZ" review meetings. CW-1 stated that the weekly review meetings were attended by CIO Antar, SVP of Product Krackeler, and other internal implementation stakeholders. CW-1 said that the ZoZ meetings were focused on the status of and progress of Zuora implementing RevPro internally as a tool for revenue recognition.
- 74. The difficulties implementing RevPro internally reached the Executive Defendants before and throughout the Class Period. In particular, CW-1 said that CIO Antar was aware of the difficulties implementing RevPro internally and that she reported them to CFO Sloat. In addition,

CW-1 stated that Defendant Sloat, together with SVP RevPro Product Reddy, participated in
monthly "Zuora on Zuora" or "ZoZ" project meetings where they were briefed on the progress of th
internal implementation and implementation failure was discussed. CW-1 said Defendant Sloat had
"full visibility" on the project. Further, CW-1 recalled hearing of executive briefings on the internal
implementation status on two occasions.

- 75. The Executive Defendants acknowledged the integration failure in advance of Zuora going public. According to CW-1, on one occasion during a monthly "Zuora on Zuora" or "ZoZ" project meeting in early 2018, Defendant Sloat spoke to the project team about how Zuora was "going to market as a combined product for ASC 606." CW-1 said that Defendant Sloat told the group that the market needed a seamless solution and that "Zuora needed to get its act together with RevPro."
- 76. The Executive Defendants' knowledge of the failed internal integration and implementation of RevPro was further confirmed by CW-2. CW-2 confirmed that Zuora was not successful in implementing RevPro internally over the course of its ZoR project, and that Defendants Sloat and Tzuo knew of the failure internally, yet they continued to tell customers that Zuora Central and RevPro were ready for use. Specifically, CW-2 said that the ZoZ project was sponsored by Defendant Sloat, who he described as the "public sponsor." While CIO Antar led the regular meetings about the ZoR project, the Company also had internal forums with the C-suite, and most senior executives from each product group provided progress reports, CW-2 said. CW-2 said Defendant Sloat would attend these internal forums, and Defendant Sloat would hear about the internal integration; "he was apprised week-over-week."
- 77. The Executive Defendants were also aware of the failed internal integration and implementation of RevPro through internal reports and email communications. According to CW-2, the Company maintained several Google documents and email threads tracking the project status and circulating project status reports. According to CW-2, Defendant Sloat would either be copied on these communication or be apprised by CIO Antar, whose role was to keep Defendant Sloat and the Chief Accounting Officer [Paolo Battaglini] up to date.



78. Although Zuora ultimately implemented RevPro internally, the implementation was incredibly laborious, time and resource intensive, and anything but ideal. CW-1 explained that the MuleSoft integration relied on an Excel file with the information from Zuora Billing. According to CW-1, the data in the file, "had to be touched up to make sure it was right for revenue recognition," and "Zuora had to do the touch up work manually." According to CW-1, Zuora did not complete the manual internal implementation until April 2018. However, due to the manual implementation, Zuora then had to do a two-year retest, which CW-1 said continued at Zuora into at least March 2019.

2. The Failed Keystone Integration Project

- 79. Beginning in early 2018, with the internal ZoZ project failing, several former Zuora employees stated that Zuora opened a new project internally referred to as the "Keystone Project," which was intended to build a connection between RevPro and Zuora Billing to apply to clients' systems.
- 80. As explained by CW-2, "Keystone" was the internal name of the project to integrate the two products, Zuora Billing and RevPro. Keystone did not use MuleSoft. CW-2explained that there were "several tracks" moving forward with RevPro. There was the internal ZoR track, which was geared toward using RevPro via MuleSoft internally. That track was led by CIO Antar and the internal team. Separately, Zuora's engineering and product teams were running Keystone as a separate project to integrate the two tools using a different engine.
- 81. CW-1worked on the initial stage of the "Keystone Project" and conferred with others working on it after he was reassigned. CW-1 explained that in order to link the client's Billing and RevPro systems, Billing had to come up with orders to input in RevPro. In turn, CW-1 said Zuora came up with a solution called "OrderMetrics," which was to be used as the source for RevPro. CW-1 said that for order-based revenue recognition to be an option, Zuora had to bring in something in terms of data, or it couldn't build the order system for clients. CW-1 said that Zuora came up with OrderMetrics for the back end part of the operation. OrderMetrics was connected to RevPro to replicate an order in Zuora Billing, CW-1 said.



- 82. However, CW-1 said OrderMetrics was not an ideal solution. In particular, the source data was not robust enough and not flexible enough, according to CW-1. The OrderMetrics piece that was designed and put in place was not a full-blown order system, CW-1 said it didn't have all the data points needed for RevPro.
- 83. CW-1 indicated that OrderMetrics had to provide information in a format similar in appearance to the way ERP information was generated in order for RevPro to view the data and automate proper revenue recognition. CW-1 said OrderMetrics could not find the data for use in RevPro as the solution could not come up with the particular data points that RevPro needed.
- 84. The "Keystone Project" integration failure was not customer specific, but rather was wide reaching and impacted virtually all of Zuora's customers that had adopted Billing and RevPro. According to CW-1, Keystone succeeded in helping two or three Zuora customers who "weren't using Zuora Billing's full functionality." According to CW-1, "80 to 90 percent of customers would not be able to use the Keystone integration," as candidates for the "Keystone" integration would only be those limited customers who were not using many features.
- 85. All level of Zuora executives were repeatedly informed of issues with "Keystone" and OrderMetrics. CW-1 explained that when issues with OrderMetrics cropped up during the internal implementation, they went to Zuora Director of Product Chris Bruner, who was the product director who helped with the Zuora implementation challenges, and who reported to SVP of Product Krackeler.
- 86. Zuora's executives had access to reports detailing the status of the "Keystone Project." According to CW-1, reports were prepared and made available to executives detailing the total number of use cases, the type of use cases, and how they were progressing. These reports were stored centrally where the C-suite executives could view and contribute to them, as they were "all Google docs." According to CW-1, the reports, which were "generally available to all executives," would have shown the integration failing.
- 87. Zuora executives were also apprised of the result of the "Keystone" failure in regular review meetings. CW-1 said that review meetings were held once a week in connection with "Keystone." GM and VP RevPro Product Line Monika Saha was the person from Zuora who had

been assigned to the RevPro project, and the meetings were an opportunity for Ms. Saha to receive an update on its progress. Ms. Saha reported up to SVP RevPro Product Reddy, the former CEO of Leeyo, who reported to Defendant Tzuo.

G. The Integration Failure Caused Sales Execution Problems And Reduced Demand For All Of Zuora's Products

88. Reliable former Zuora employees have further confirmed that the "Keystone" integration failure on client systems demonstrated the falsity of Defendants' statements, caused serious sales execution problems, and ultimately resulted in reputational damage and reduced demand for all of Zuora's products, including its homegrown applications.

1. Defendants' False Representations Led To Upset Customers

- 89. Zuora was making promises to its customers it could not keep. As explained by CW-2, there were companies that acquired the two products Zuora Billing and RevPro separately.

 These customers were told by Zuora that the products would be pre-integrated and supported by the team. CW-2 said there were a "lot of conversations, hype, and announcements, and the Subscribed conference," where the Company talked about the products and how customers could leverage the integrated products by a certain timeline. In particular, CW-2 said that he observed false claims about the purported out-of-the-box integration on the Subscribed conference website. CW-2 said that it was false to describe Zuora Billing-RevPro as a fully integrated platform, as the Company had only to look to its failure to implement the solution internally. CW-2 said that, "basically they were putting out information to customers or in forums before having [the integration] built." CW-2 said that "the integration wasn't built, it wasn't tested, and it wasn't working." Yet, the Company was putting claims about a seamless Zuora Billing and RevPro marriage out there to the market," according to CW-2.
- 90. Zuora could not deliver on its promises to customers. CW-2 said there were "a ton" of challenges integrating RevPro for customers. CW-2 said he was aware of bad test results experienced by new accounts and potential Zuora clients before May 2018. CW-2 said that in addition to RevPro, the Zuora product also had limitations. For purposes of customer privacy, CW-2



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said he could not provide names of the customers with the bad test results, but CW-2 said the customers were in the subscription businesses like newspapers.

- Zuora's clients testing Billing-RevPro provided Zuora with negative feedback. CW-2 91. said that during networking and consulting check-ins, where the Company spoke with customers about the solutions they delivered, they frequently learned from customers that the Company had not been able to get the solution to work as advertised. "[Zuora] even lost a lot of business because based on what they had promised and what was not made," CW-2 said. CW-2 stated, "If you seek a particular solution to do a certain job, then if a product doesn't do the job when you buy validation, you aren't going to get it. You're going to go for an alternate solution."
 - 2. **Defendants Knew About The Failed RevPro Testing And Upset Customers**
- 92. CW-2 said that senior management at Zuora, including the Executive Defendants, knew about the misrepresentations and customer reactions through a multitude of sources.
- 93. Group Forums: Defendants Sloat, Tzuo and others would be apprised of the integration problem at group forum meetings. CW-2 said that every group in the Company had a forum, including the product group, the engineering group, and the RevPro engineering group. According to CW-2, sales also had a forum program led by Zuora President and head of sales Marc Diouane. The purpose of the forum was to update management on the integration date, progress, and the weekly status report. According to CW-2, "A lot of groups have a forum meeting weekly." CW-2 said that the forum leaders like Diouane and CFO Defendant Sloat also attended each other's forums so that they were aware of what was happening across the Company. CW-2 said that CFO Defendant Sloat participated in the forum meetings. As for client-specific issues being discussed, CW-2 said "I'm sure if the client was generating a huge amount of revenue for that particular group, then it would be a top of mind discussion. If [Defendant Sloat] [was] in the sales group forum, that was the only topic [Defendant Sloat] would care about because that would be his bread and butter."
- 94. Forum Meeting Minutes and Summary Reports: In connection with each forum, meeting minutes were prepared. In addition, a forum report was prepared providing a combined summary of each of the meeting minutes which were "circulated for action," via email and Google docs, which CW-2 regularly received. CW-2 said in the minutes CW-2 received, there were regular

references to the integration issues between RevPro and Zuora Billing. CW-2 said the meeting minutes would certainly have been seen by the CFO Defendant Sloat and CEO Defendant Tzuo, as the minutes were generated out of their discussions, and they certainly would have been, "in the loop for that."

- 95. *Quarterly Review Meetings*: Defendants Sloat, Tzuo and others would be apprised of the integration problem at "quarterly review meetings," which CW-2 described as "all hands on deck" meetings conducted by the leadership team where they would talk about ongoing projects at the Company, including when the Billing-RevPro integration solution would available internally and "GA," i.e., when the integration solution would have general availability to customers.
- 96. *Customer Forums*: CW-2 said Defendant Sloat knew these facts due to his participation and involvement in the customer forums. CW-2 said, "Sloat was informed about internal projects and road maps at the C-level they share all the information."
- 97. **Zuora Customer Focus Groups**: CW-2 said that there were groups that were supposed to meet with Zuora customers involved in the Billing-RevPro implementation, and they were supposed to apprize Defendant Sloat and Tzuo of the customer feedback.
 - 3. Defendants Knew About The Failed RevPro Testing And Reducing Company Revenues
- 98. The integration failure not only caused a business strain but reduced revenues from one of Zuora's most important customers, Zoom Video Communications. According to CW-1, Zoom was one of Zuora's most important billing customers initially elected to purchase RevPro, but ultimately opted not to implement it fully due to the integration failure. CW-1 said that Zoom was testing it, but then they stopped the project in late 2018. CW-1 explained that the Company had the billing information, but struggled to translate it into RevPro smoothly.
- 99. Zoom's decision to stop the project was a major blow to Zuora's financials because the unsatisfied customer "stopped some payments as well," CW-1 said. CW-1 emphasized that the Zoom incident was such a significant hit to Zuora that "it was material enough to impact our bonus payments our bonus was dependent on meeting our revenue target."



100. Zoom was not the only Zuora customer who was put out by the serious issues it
experienced due to the lack of a proper RevPro integration. According to CW-1, PTC, a software
company, which Zuora features on its website as a customer, was another frustrated Billing-RevPro
customer.

- 101. CW-1 further confirmed Executive Defendants and other Zuora senior executives were kept aware of the delays in integrating RevPro and its effect on clients at weekly executive meetings. According to CW-1, the Company's top executives, including Defendants Tzuo and Sloat, participated in weekly calls with the Company's Vice Presidents in which they were briefed on the latest news during weekly calls. On the weekly calls, the Vice Presidents would present the Executive Defendants with an update on the progress of the Company. CW-1 knew of these meetings, because CW-1 gave reports on the latest events to his supervising VP Ramamoorthy, who would then give the information to the executives. CW-1 stated that when Zoom stopped paying Zuora for RevPro, VP Ramamoorthy pulled CW-1 into a couple of executive meetings that VP Ramamoorthy was having with Zuora's founders toward the end of 2018 to see if customizations could help.
 - 4. Defendants Knew The Failed RevPro Testing Caused Sales Execution Problems
- 102. The failed Billing-RevPro integration caused a multitude of sales execution issues within Zuora's sales groups, including strained customer relationships and lost sales and revenues. As explained below, these problems were ultimately passed on from sales personnel to their supervising Vice Presidents and ultimately to the Executive Defendants.
- 103. For example, CW-3 worked as an account executive at Zuora from June 2018 to July 2019, selling Zuora Billing to enterprise customers and existing customers on the West Coast of the U.S. CW-3 worked in the San Mateo office and reported to a Vice President. CW-3 stated that despite people at the Company working hard to get an integration working, it was obvious that there was no connection between the two systems, Billing and RevPro. CW-3 said, "The dream and vision was for the two things to work together, but it hadn't been built . . . It was in the works, but took a long time and wasn't done by the time I left." CW-3 recalled hearing and Zuora talking about the

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- Some Billing customers who had been sold on RevPro were actually forced to spend heavily on customization to get two systems to work together. CW-3 had a couple customers who ended up spending large sums of money to get Zuora to work with RevPro. CW-3 said "[c]ustomers were spending over \$1 million because they had both Zuora and RevPro. . . . They spent that to get the two systems to work together." CW-3 said that one customer in particular spent millions because they needed to make systems work in order to successfully go public. CW-3 declined to name the customer who went public after spending more than \$1 million to make the systems work together for customer privacy reasons. But CW-3 identified the customer as a significant player in the web conferencing space.
- In addition, CW-3 said approximately five other major Zuora customers were upset about the delayed integration. CW-3 said that each these customers were material to Zuora's financial health – they were some of the Company's biggest customers.
- 106. CW-3 said that the lack of an integration solution and the fact that customers were unhappy that their products did not work together "came up in team meetings all the time." CW-3 and sales colleagues would inform their supervising Vice Presidents of particular customers who were unhappy and needed a workable integration for Zuora Billing and RevPro. According to CW-3, "[i]n team meetings we spoke about accounts and my colleagues would say [their customers] aren't happy because of Keystone." CW-3 said that integration was discussed at almost every sales team meeting he participated in. The sales team meetings were attended by the account managers who worked with the customers as well as their Vice Presidents and directors.
- 107. The Vice Presidents and Directors who attended team meetings communicated what had been discussed at the team meetings to the Executive Defendants. CW-3 said "[o]ur VP was in constant communication with the CEO [Defendant Tzuo] about customer feedback." CW-3 would hear about the VP's communications with Defendant Tzuo through the VP. CW-3 said the VP would tell him that the VP's meetings with Defendant Tzuo were tough and that they would talk

about "Keystone." CW-3 said that the VP informed Defendant Tzuo that clients were upset and some were very unhappy.

- 108. In addition to disgruntled customers, the integration failure adversely impacted revenue. According to CW-3, the prolonged integration impacted business for Zuora, as it impeded the Company's ability to collect money as some customers withheld payment due to the failed connectivity between Billing and RevPro. CW-3 said that the same company that paid millions to go public withheld payment to Zuora. In refusing to pay, CW-3 said the client noted that it "had to spend \$1 million outside of us because it didn't work."
- 109. Defendant Tzuo was informed of the large client's refusal to pay for Zuora's subscription products. CW-3 said he communicated the collection issue to his VP. Thereafter, CW-3 observed an email thread that took place around November or December 2018, in which Defendant Tzuo was made aware of the issue about the non-payment. CW-3 gathered from the email conversation that Defendant Tzuo understood the customer's viewpoint and did not push back, but that Defendant Tzuo also understood what the revenue recognition complications for the customer would be.
- 110. The failed RevPro-Billing integration ultimately resulted in reputational damage and reduced demand for all of Zuora's products, including RevPro, the Central platform and other homegrown Zuora products. CW-4, a former Business Development: Strategic Accounts Group Member who worked at Zuora from May 2018 to January 2019 out of the Company's main office in San Mateo, California, recounted similar experiences at Zuora as CW-3. CW-4 was on the Zuora Central team, which was focused on selling the Company's subscription order-to-revenue platform to major companies. CW-4 worked on Zuora's large accounts, particularly Fortune 500 accounts, including IBM. CW-4 reported directly to a Senior Vice President of Sales at Zuora.
- 111. Zuora bought RevPro a year before CW-4 started, however, during CW-4's employment, Zuora management started to make RevPro more visible and emphasized cross-selling it with Zuora Central. Therefore, CW-4 became familiar with the RevPro product particularly in August or September 2018 in connection with an upcoming DreamForce conference, an annual event hosted by Salesforce.com. CW-4 stated that initially when the Company began ramping the RevPro

purchase into the Company, there was talk of getting the new revenue accounting tool "into every Fortune 500 account and vice versa."

- 112. The heightened enthusiasm and lofty goals for cross-selling within Zuora's sales department soon changed. CW-4 explained that when the Zuora Central team began to cross-sell with the RevPro team, CW-4 started to have initial conversations about the products with potential customers and was constantly hearing customers were unhappy with RevPro. CW-4 said that the issue with selling RevPro was that it was not working with Zuora Central.
- 113. CW-4 also recounted incidents of failed RevPro demonstrations for existing Billing customers. CW-4's account executive handled the implementation stages for the demo, where the account executive would take information and data from the client and input the information and data into the Zuora website, so the client could see what Zuora's solution looks like with the client's numbers. CW-4 said that during that step, the RevPro demo did not always go so well and questions were asked of the engineers, so soon it became clear that it may be tough to marry the accounts.
- Defendants' public representations concerning the functionality of Zuora Central and its software application products. CW-4 said, "[t]he idea of RevPro was that you could go in-house with Zuora and use RevPro to take care of the backend accounting for complex accounting standards." CW-4 said Defendant Tzuo's vision had been that Zuora Central would be "plug and play." CW-4 said RevPro therefore should have been an out-of-box migration from Zuora Central, and that Zuora Central should have recognized RevPro automatically and done what it needed to do to operate. But instead, the programs did not work together they lacked the proper data points to seamlessly transfer information and there was no native integration between Central and RevPro, according to CW-4. CW-4 said, "It was clear the two technologies were not as capable of working together as the Company claimed."
- 115. RevPro sales suffered due to the RevPro integration issues. CW-4 said that the Zuora Central team met with the RevPro team twice a week during the Class Period. At those meetings, CW-4 observed that the RevPro team was falling short of their projected numbers and that it was

clear they were struggling. CW-4 stated that the reason sales were short and the team was struggling was that there were the technical issues with integrating RevPro.

- Zuora's broader reputation for product quality and that Zuora was missing out on large enterprise sales for all of its products, including Zuora Central. CW-4 confirmed the RevPro technical issues were making it tougher to sell Zuora Central, stating "[i]t was very clear that there were concerns with companies who had Zuora Central who heard about difficulties." CW-4 said that the RevPro integration issue was a big issue with the Company structure, as bringing RevPro in had resulted in a lot of Zuora's consistent clients questioning if they wanted Zuora Central. CW-4 stated, "[t]his idea of a sticky sale, people are very aware of that in software they pitch on a product that's hard to ditch, and you don't want to be stuck with Zuora Central if some product doesn't work."
- 117. CW-4 recalled an instance with a very large enterprise company who bought RevPro. CW-4 communicated with a finance professional at the very large enterprise company about the prospect of the customer adding Zuora Central. CW-4 said that the finance professional at the very large enterprise company stated, "[b]ecause of what we're hearing [about the RevPro integration issue] we're not going to do it."
- by CW-4. Among other things, according to CW-3, executives could view the status of certain client sales through a proprietary Salesforce database. CW-3 said that executives could look at accounts and through that "they'd know a good portion of how much a client was satisfied. If any information was missing, the executives would know from Salesforce who to go ask for any additional details. The executives would be able to see metrics like how much the customer was paying, any opportunities for new business within the account, and the nature and status of any support tickets. Any notations about specific issues related to the RevPro implementation would be viewable."

H. Defendants Scrap The "Keystone" Integration Project Entirely For A New K-2 Project

119. In or about February or March 2019, Zuora's executives acknowledged the failure of the "Keystone Project" and decided to scrap it in favor of another approach internally called the K-2 Project. CW-1was involved in the initial design of the K-2 project in late 2018, and handed it over to

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start the build before CW-1 left in April 2019. CW-1worked together with the Director of Product Management Sai Prasad Marri on the initial design after the debacle with Zuora's major customer, Zoom (described above), and provided the information they assembled to SVP RevPro Product Reddy. CW-1completed a "Proof Of Concept" and analysis in March 2019. After which, according to CW-1, "[t]here was a directive that Tien [Tzuo] gave to Jagan [Reddy] to start K-2." CW-1 added, "[w]e knew and Tien knew, that OrderMetrics wasn't working."

I. Defendants Promoted The Functionality Of Its Solution While Concealing The Integration Failure

- 120. Notwithstanding their substantial knowledge of the RevPro-Billing integration failure as described above, throughout the Class Period Zuora promoted the functionality of its Central platform and application products in multiple contexts, including marketing materials, press releases, quarterly and annual SEC filings, investor presentations, and conferences.
- 121. For example, Zuora consistently maintained throughout the Class Period that through "Zuora's subscription management technology ... you can quote, order, bill recognize revenue, report, and automate the entire customer lifecycle from a single platform[.]"
- 122. Zuora also touted that the Zuora platform "was architected specifically for dynamic, recurring subscription business models and acts as an intelligent subscription management hub that automates and orchestrates the entire subscription order-to-cash process, including billing and revenue recognition." Similarly, Zuora emphasized that it offered a "[c]omprehensive solution built specifically to handle the complexities of subscription business models."
- 123. During analyst calls and other conferences with investors, the Executive Defendants would tout Zuora's ability to provide an integrated system for subscription businesses. For example, Defendant Tzuo highlighted how Zuora was "the only complete subscription management solution, 100% focused on helping companies of all sizes launch, scale, and transform into a subscription business." Defendant Sloat also focused on how customers turn to Zuora once they realize "that their existing systems aren't allowing them to iterate and have the flexibility and a different charge model" to allow them to compete as a subscription business.



- 124. Zuora also posted social media and videos regarding the seamless and integrated nature of Zuora's subscription management services. A post on Twitter warned customers not to "underestimate the complexity of revenue recognition," but touted "Zuora + RevPro integration for a seamless order-to-revenue process." Zuora's Facebook page also included a post celebrating Zuora Central as the "#SubscriptionEconomy platform" that allowed a subscription business to run its "dynamic order-to-cash platform on one central platform."
- 125. These statements were false, misleading and omitted material facts. In truth, as described above, Defendants knew that customers using Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro, Zuora's flagship products, could not successfully integrate the data from both systems.
- 126. Zuora also publicly promoted the functionality of its solution in multiple other contexts. For example, during a May 31, 2018 earnings call, Defendant Sloat described Zuora's business model as providing a "cloud-based software that enables any company in any industry to successfully launch, manage, and transform into a subscription business." During the same call, Defendant Tzuo compared Zuora's capabilities against "[1]egacy ERP system," which he described as being "not equipped to handle the dynamic requirements that subscription business models demand." Defendant Tzuo also emphasized Zuora was the "only company that provides a full solution, 100% focused on [the subscription] business."
- shares had doubled their IPO price, rising from \$14.00 to \$28.02 in only two months. In the ensuing months, analysts commented on the strength of Zuora's business and products. In a note to his clients, a Needham analyst wrote that Zuora demand trends are "clearly healthy." Jefferies discussed how there would be "plenty of runway" for RevPro demand beyond ASC 606 compliance, as "both homegrown systems and most financial applications do not meet the current demands of existing models and regulations, let alone the complexities of new business models."

⁷ Kristine Owram, *Zuora Can Generate Near-Term Revenue Growth of 30%*, *Needham Says*, Bloomberg (June 6, 2018).



130. By August 30, 2018, Zuora's stock had risen 139% since its listing, the second-best debut among U.S. technology stocks with initial public offerings of at least \$100 million. Defendant Tzuo attributed Zuora's success to the advanced functionality of Zuora's solution,

¹⁰ Kamaron Leach, *Zuora's Rally Will Be Tested as Time Runs Out on Share Lockup*, Bloomberg (Aug. 30, 2018).



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⁸ See https://www.zuora.com/2018/07/02/tien-tzuo-jim-cramers-mad-money/.

⁹ Scott Rutt, *Viza, Zuora, CRISPR, Tractor Supply: 'Mad Money' Lightening Round*, The Street (Aug. 9, 2018), https://tinyurl.com/y6dchfd9.

claiming that Zuora's competitors, including Oracle and SAP, were "just not innovating, [but] buckling under their own weight."

- an October 12, 2018 note to clients, a Morgan Stanley analyst identified the "very healthy underlying demand for Zuora's billing platform" that should be "an important growth lever moving forward." ¹¹ Similarly, in initiating coverage, FBN securities analysts noted that Zuora was "one of the few pure plays on the growth of the subscription economy," ¹² and listed the fact that "[c]ustomers that started with Zuora Billing or Zuora RevPro can subscribe to the other flagship product" as a "lever to drive additional growth going forward." ¹³
- 132. During a November 29, 2018 earnings call, Defendant Tzuo emphasized that Zuora's success was made possible from its "technology" and that its "value proposition [was] now more centered around automation and efficiencies versus simply [ASC 606] compliance." Defendant Tzuo also touted Zuora's success "bringing customers live" on Zuora's platform, noting that Zuora benefits from having "a very stick product, and when you look at our product, once it goes in ... it's sticky. It's running [the] company's core operations."
- previous comments about the limits of existing ERP systems to handle subscription businesses, stating "these companies have come to a realization ... that their existing systems aren't allowing them to iterate and have the flexibility and a different charge model that they need to in order to actually go have a dynamic pricing with their customer base." Defendant Sloat described this situation as an "actual opportunity" for Zuora. A month later, Defendant Tzuo described Zuora's role in the "digital transformation" of companies, which involve "true, true big, sticky implementations" that previously carried Oracle and SAP through "decades," and could now do the same for Zuora.

¹³ Shebly Seyrafi, CFA, *Initiating Coverage of SaaS Enabler/Billing Company Zuora, Inc. (ZUO)* with an Outperform/\$25 PT, FBN Securities (Oct. 16, 2018).



¹¹ Shelly Hagan, *Zuora CEO Lauds Lack of Innovation From Rivals Oracle*, *SAP*, Bloomberg (Oct. 12, 2018), https://tinyurl.com/yxdsozld.

¹² Zuora is 'Well-Positioned' for Subscription Economy Growth: FBN, Bloomberg (Oct. 16, 2018).

134. On March 21, 2019, Defendant Tzuo called Zuora the "only game in town if you're looking for a complete end-to-end subscription platform," and again noted how "companies are increasingly realizing ... [that] ERP systems are simply not sufficient to deliver on [] growth strategies" for subscription businesses.

- 135. Analysts provided positive coverage after the earnings announcement in March 2019. For example, analysts at Canaccord Genuity had no "problem, fear, or hesitation recommending [Zuora]." Jefferies also characterized Zuora's earnings as "sustainable, material growth." FBN Securities similarly noted that it remained "positive on the equity" and retained the "Outperform" rating. 15
- episode of Mad Money. During the interview, Defendant Tzuo predicted that more and more companies will turn to the subscription economy: "They know how you use your product. They provide a service to you. What you're going to see is every physical product from appliances from Whirlpool cars from Ford, tractors from Caterpillar they're all going to go through a transformation and become services." In response to this and other statements touting the emerging subscription economy, Mr. Cramer described Zuora as a "game breaker" and that in the "subscription business," Zuora had "as close to a monopoly as you've seen." ¹⁶

J. Zuora Senior Executives Took Advantage Of The Company's Inflated Stock Price To Sell Their Own Shares For Over \$28 Million

137. The Company's stated Insider Trading Policy provides that every Zuora employee, referred to as a ZEO, "is prohibited from using 'inside' or material nonpublic information about Zuora, or about companies with which Zuora does business, in connection with buying or selling Zuora's ... securities ZEOs who have access to inside information are not permitted to use or

¹⁶ Transcript, available at https://www.zuora.com/2019/04/26/ceo-cloud-company-zuora-manufacturers-must-adopt-subscription-model-order-grow/



¹⁴ Richard Davis, CFA, et al., *Thank you, after-hours sellers; now you can fill out your position*, Canaccord Genuity (Mar. 21, 2019).

¹⁵ Shebly Seyrafi, CFA, ZUO: Buy on Weakness as Guidance Adjusted for ASC 606 Is Fine, and Transaction Volume Growth of 56% Impresses, FBN Securities (Mar. 22, 2019).

share that inside information for stock trading purposes or for any other purpose except to conduct Zuora business."

138. In violation of Zuora's stated policy and the securities laws, Zuora senior executives Defendant Sloat and Zuora President Marc Diouane unloaded their own shares for over \$28 million in insider trades during the Class Period. In total, during the Class Period, Sloat made approximately \$16.9 million in insider sales, and Diouane made approximately \$11.1 million in insider sales. The sales made by Defendant Sloat and Diouane are illustrated in the following charts:

Executive	Transaction Date	Shares Sold	Prices Per Share	Total Value
Sloat	09-05-2018	344,009	\$25.81	\$8,878,997
Sloat	03-26-2019	364,528	\$20.04	\$7,305,870
Sloat	03-28-2019	35,472	\$20.00	\$709,440
Totals		744,009		\$16,894,307

Executive	Transaction Date	Shares Sold	Prices Per Share	Total Value
Diouane	09-05-2018	34,200	\$25.90	\$885,663
Diouane	12-06-2018	130,500	\$18.03	\$2,352,393
Diouane	03-26-2019	130,000	\$19.76	\$2,568,391
Diouane	04-29-2019	240,000	\$22.19	\$5,326,680
Totals		534,700		\$11,133,127

- 139. These insider trades were both unusual and suspicious in terms of size, timing and trading pattern. In particular, Defendant Sloat sold nearly half of his then-total holdings in Zuora common stock in late March 2019, just a week after Zuora announced positive fourth quarter fiscal year 2019 and full fiscal year 2019 results, but just one month before Zuora's disastrous first quarter fiscal year 2020 would end.
- 140. Similarly, Diouane dramatically increased the size of his sale transactions during the Class Period as the disclosure date approached, eventually unloading over a quarter of his then-total holdings in Zuora common stock on April 29, 2019, which was the final day of Zuora's

disappointing first quarter fiscal year 2020, and only a month before Zuora would announce the poor results, reduced guidance, and Diouane's ouster from his position as President and Head of Sales.

- 141. Since making these trades in early 2019 up to the date of the filing of this complaint, neither Defendant Sloat nor Diouane have reported sales of any Zuora shares they owned or controlled.
- 142. Although Defendant Sloat and Diouane enacted their trades pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 trading plans, Lead Plaintiff is informed and believes that they were adopted during the Class Period when they were already in possession of material, nonpublic information about the true functionality of Zuora's solution.

K. The Truth Is Revealed

- 143. Defendants' misrepresentations to investors were revealed on May 30, 2019, when Zuora announced its first quarter fiscal year 2020 financial results. As discussed in greater detail below, Defendants' May 30, 2019 disclosures revealed that Defendants had misrepresented and concealed the true functionality of Zuora's Platform and products and caused Zuora's stock price to drop precipitously.
- 144. On May 30, 2019, after market hours, Zuora issued a press release announcing its first quarter fiscal year 2020 results. Zuora announced quarterly revenue growth of only 22%, a decline of over 18% from the prior quarter. The Company also disclosed a decline in large customer growth, adding only twenty customers with annual contract value equal to or greater than \$100,000, the lowest over the past year since the Company had become public. Moreover, the Company disclosed that it had lost \$20.6 million, a loss of 16% year-over-year.
- 145. More disturbing, Defendants disclosed Zuora's future was far less bright than previously projected. Specifically, the Company slashed its fiscal year 2020 total revenue guidance to a range of \$268 million to \$278 million, from prior guidance of \$289 million to \$293.5 million. The Company projected subscription revenues of only \$200-\$206 million, below previous guidance of \$209-\$211.5 million. Moreover, according to analysts, the fiscal year 2020 guidance implied that Subscription Annual Contract Value ("ACV") would decline 12% for the year, which was shocking

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given that the Company reported Subscription ACV growth of 60% last year, 45% growth in the prior year, and 30% growth in the year before that.

- Finally, the Company's press release announced that President and Head of Sales Marc Diouane would be transitioning from his current role of President to advisor to Zuora's CEO while Zuora would be conducting a search for Diouane's replacement.
- 147. Later that same day, Zuora held an earnings call with investors to discuss its results for the first quarter fiscal year 2020. On the call, Defendant Tzuo explained that the Company "did have some challenges which are impacting our Q2 and our full year outlook." In particular, Defendant Tzuo identified "two execution headwinds" that caused the poor financial results and reduced guidance: Billing-RevPro integration challenges and sales execution problems.
- 148. On the Billing-RevPro integration issue, Defendant Tzuo explained that the Company's growth was conditioned on Zuora's ability to cross-sell its two flagship products: Billing and RevPro. Defendant Tzuo disclosed, however, that the product integration for these two products was "taking longer than expected." Defendant Tzuo disclosed that "the technical work to complete the integration is taking time as these are complex mission-critical systems. And so for our existing Billing customers, who have recently purchased RevPro, we slowed down the RevPro implementations this past quarter given the product integration delay." Defendant Tzuo noted that the integration challenge "has slowed down our cross-sell motion," and "resulted in lower professional services and subscription revenue in the quarter as well as tempered expectations going forward." Defendant Tzuo explained that the Company had made "a course correction in our approach [with respect to integrating the two systems]." Defendant Tzuo reiterated that "the integration of our 2 flagship products is critically important to us and our customers' success. So I'm personally spending a lot of my time here to drive this to completion." Nevertheless, Defendant Tzuo stated that the Company likely would not have the integration issue resolved until by the end of the third quarter of fiscal year 2020.
- 149. Defendant Tzuo also disclosed that the Company "need[ed] to improve our sales execution," particularly with respect to newer sales representatives. Defendant Tzuo explained that the Company was going to address this by making three structural changes: (i) realigning Zuora's

strategic account organization by placing new sales representatives under more experienced managers; (ii) revamping the pipeline process; and (iii) changing sales leadership by replacing Diouane with a new head of sales.

- 150. Analysts were blindsided by the Company's disclosures, including the revelation of the Billing-RevPro integration failure. In fact, on the earnings call, a Jeffries analyst expressed disbelief to Defendant Tzuo, stating, "I sort of get the integration of Billings and RevPro and how that could sort of slow some things down. But I know I'm going to get this question tomorrow. I mean you bought Leeyo [RevPro] 2 years ago. So like it's hard -- like how can it not be integrated?"
- Defendants' knowledge about the integration failure during the Class Period. Defendant Tzuo stated that the Company was previously focused on having new RevPro customers go live before the ASC 606 by the first and second quarter of last year, and that the Company "didn't really have time and the resource to focus on the integration between the 2 until after the 606 [wave] was complete." Defendant Tzuo further disclosed that "we didn't really start heavy work on the integration until early last summer, late spring, early last summer. And long story short, we went down one direction that proved to be a dead end, a false direction."
- 152. After the earnings call, analysts expressed further surprise and disappointment in the Company's disclosures. For example, in a May 30, 2019 report to investors entitled "Another drama-filled quarter," a Canaccord Genuity analyst noted that "Zuora was a mess" and that it was "executing far below potential." Among other things, the Canaccord Genuity analyst cited the "Longer-than-anticipated progress to integrate modules of RevPro and Billing forced Zuora to elongate deployment (and therefore, revenue recognition for those add-on sales." Likewise, it was reported that Needham analyst Scott Berg called Zuora's stock "dead money for a quarter or two" as it worked through these execution issues. Further, Motley Fool exclaimed, "I'll gladly watch this



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sputtering growth engine from the sidelines until Zuora can prove that management's betterment plans are working."¹⁷

153. On this news, Zuora's stock declined on heavy trading nearly 30%, from \$19.90 per share on May 30, 2019, to \$13.99 per share on May 31, 2019, representing the worst day of trading in Zuora stock history and erasing roughly \$520 million of market capitalization.

L. Defendants' Post-Class Period Admissions Of Their Knowledge Of The Integration Issue

- 154. After the Class Period, Defendants made additional public admissions of their knowledge of the integration issue while publicly touting the advanced functionality of Zuora's solution and the ability to cross-sell between RevPro and Billing customers.
- 155. For example, during the June 5, 2019 Zuora Inc. Investor Session, Defendant Tzuo explained the genesis for the integration issues with RevPro and Zuora Billing, noting that "traditional ERP systems are order-based systems," but that Zuora's subscription management system was "very different" in that Zuora's solution converts the customers' usage and time on the system into an invoice. Defendant Tzuo explained that "RevPro is used to importing orders because it grabs an order from SAP, it grabs an order from Oracle because that's all it had." Defendant Tzuo stated that "the course correction" Zuora "took out of the gate is we tried to make our billing system produce an order that look like an ERP system." Defendant Tzuo reflected that this unsuccessful integration strategy was "silly" and the flaw in the approach "probably could have [been] caught [] a little bit earlier." While Defendant Tzuo expressed optimism about the new integration approach, he admitted that this new course correction was in its early stages, was only being tested on "about 4 customers," and no existing Billing-RevPro customers had gone live with the applications. Things had not improved by August 28, 2019, as Defendant Tzuo announced during the earnings call that although Zuora's engineering team had "completed and delivered" the integration technology, Zuora had only "restarted [] a number of previously paused implementations" and had not yet completed them.

¹⁷ Anders Bylund, *Why Zuora's Stock Crashed Hard on Friday*, Motley Fool (May 31, 2019), https://tinyurl.com/y22jxkfr.



Joon Huh, Zuora's Vice President of Investor Relations explained that "last year, we actually spent some time doing the integration. So making sure that people that have our Billing product could also buy RevPro and have a clean integration across it." Huh noted, however, that at that time, "We had some challenges going through it we highlighted on the Q1 call." Huh explained that as a result of these "challenges," Zuora had to pause RevPro implementations with its Billing customers who had recently bought RevPro "until we got the integration work done." Huh explained that now that the Company has devised a new integration solution, it has restarted those implementations and that the Company hoped to have the customers go live on the product in the upcoming quarters.

157. The revelations by Defendants were material to analysts covering Zuora. Canaccord Genuity reduced price the objective on the stock from \$28.00 to \$18.00. Needham downgraded Zuora from a "strong-buy" to a "buy" rating, and Jefferies cut their price target on Zuora from \$35.00 to \$29.00. Needham downgraded Tuora from \$35.00 to \$29.00 to \$29.00. Needham downgraded Tuora from \$35.00 to \$29.00 to \$29.

158. Finally, on October 19, 2019, Zuora issued a blog entry on the "Knowledge Center" of the Company's website entitled "Zuora Billing - RevPro Integration overview: Zuora Billing – RevPro Integration is in Limited Availability." The blog entry acknowledged the extreme challenges that customers who had purchased both Billing and RevPro faced in reconciling the data from the two systems prior to the release of the new Zuora Billing - RevPro Integration:

If you are using both Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro, the integration between two systems is likely to be a pain point to you. You need to either export the data from Zuora Billing and import it into Zuora RevPro manually for revenue recognition, or invest a significant amount of resources to build a customized integration that ingests the required data from Zuora Billing into Zuora RevPro.

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¹⁸ Zuora (ZUO) Downgraded to Buy at Canaccord Genuity, Watchlist News (May 31, 2019).

¹⁹ Craig Jones, *Jim Cramer Shares His Thoughts on Zuora, Lithia Motors, and More*, Benzinga (July 26, 2019), https://tinyurl.com/y2nnjxrr.

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V. DEFENDANTS' FALSE AND MISLEADING STATEMENTS AND OMISSIONS

A. Statements On Zuora's Website And Social Media Feeds

- 159. Throughout the Class Period, Defendants published numerous false or misleading statements on Zuora's website about how Zuora could offer a robust, single system of record for subscription businesses to manage their monetization strategies, billing terms, customer payment and collection, and revenue recognition.
- For example, throughout the Class Period, Zuora's website claimed that with "Zuora's 160. subscription management technology ... you can quote, order, bill, recognize revenue, report, and automate the entire customer lifecycle from a single platform":

ZUORA BRINGS FREEDOM TO THE SUBSCRIPTION ECONOMY

Zuora's subscription management technology is designed to meet the needs of your modern subscription business. Now you can quote, order, bill, recognize revenue, report, and automate the entire customer lifecycle from a single platform.

ZUORA CENTRAL PLATFORM

The only platform that orchestrates and automates your order-to-cash process and serves as the connective tissue between your CRM and ERP.

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ZUORA PRODUCTS

Our leading portfolio of SaaS applications designed to help your business succeed in the Subscription

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ZUORA CONNECT MARKETPLACE

Extend Zuora to perfectly fit your business with pre-built apps and integrations to instantly tailor Zuora to the unique needs of your industry, customers, and geography.

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161. These statements were false and misleading. In truth, as discussed above, Zuora's subscription management technology was incapable of permitting a customer to bill and recognize revenue concurrently from a single platform. Specifically, customers using the Zuora Central Platform, together with Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro, were unable to integrate the data between two modules through automation. Rather, as corroborated by former Zuora employees and Defendants themselves, the only way to remove the friction from reconciling the two systems and recognize revenue would be for the client to either export the data from Zuora Billing and import it into Zuora RevPro manually, or build a customized integration that could ingest the required data

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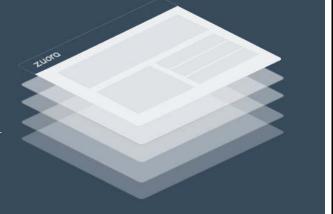
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162. Similarly, throughout the Class Period, Zuora's website highlighted how Zuora Central is a "single platform for your order-to-revenue process and the connective tissue between your CRM and ERP." Zuora stated that Central "easily connects the various applications in your order-to-revenue ecosystem."

WE BUILD THESE
PRODUCTS ON TOP OF
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<u>Zuora Central</u> is a single platform for your order-torevenue process and the connective tissue between your CRM and ERP. Our open platform is 100% REST, and easily connects the various applications in your orderto-revenue ecosystem.



163. These statements were false and misleading. In truth, as discussed above, Zuora's subscription management technology was incapable of permitting a customer to bill and recognize revenue concurrently from a single platform. Specifically, customers using the Zuora Central Platform, together with Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro, were unable to integrate the data between two modules through automation. Rather, as corroborated by former Zuora employees and Defendants themselves, the only way to remove the friction from reconciling the two systems and recognize revenue would be for the client to either export the data from Zuora Billing and import it

into Zuora RevPro manually, or build a customized integration that could ingest the required data from Zuora Billing into Zuora RevPro. Defendants' statements identified in paragraph 162 also omitted material facts corroborated by former Zuora employees and of which Defendants were aware and had knowledge of, including the failure of the "Zuora on Zuora" and "Keystone" integration projects and their customers' frustration over the failed integration between Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro. Having spoken directly on the subject of Zuora's subscription management's functionality and ability to bill and recognize revenue from a single platform, Defendants were bound to provide these omitted facts to avoid misleading investors about the true capabilities of the Zuora Central Platform and its related products Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro.

164. During the Class Period, Defendants also published false or misleading statements on Zuora's Twitter account regarding a "seamless order-to-revenue" process:



Zuora 🔮 @Zuora - Jun 5, 2018

Don't underestimate the complexity of revenue recognition. The deep dark depths are very, very complex! Thank goodness for Zuora + RevPro integration for a seamless order-to-revenue process! #Subscribed #revrec

Zuora + RevPro integration let alone a solution Zuora offered "for a seamless order-to-revenue process." To the contrary, customers using both Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro were unable to integrate the data between the two systems. Rather, as corroborated by former Zuora employees and Defendants, the only way to remove the friction from reconciling the two systems would be for the client to either export the data from Zuora Billing and import it into Zuora RevPro manually for revenue recognition, or invest a significant amount of resources to build a customized integration that ingests the required data from Zuora Billing into Zuora RevPro. Defendants' statement identified in paragraph 164 also omitted material facts corroborated by former Zuora employees and of which Defendants were aware and had knowledge of, including the failure of the "Zuora on Zuora" and "Keystone" integration projects and their customers' frustration over the failed integration between Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro. Having spoken directly on the subject of



Zuora's subscription management's functionality and ability to bill and recognize revenue from a single platform, Defendants were bound to provide these omitted facts to avoid misleading investors about the true capabilities of Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro.

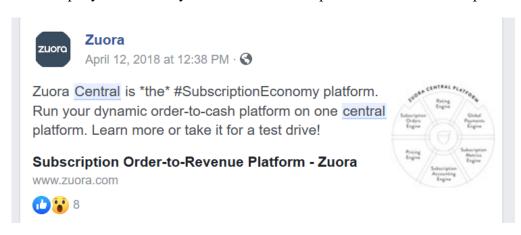
166. Throughout the Class Period, Zuora highlighted how an upgrade to Zuora Central "Further Attacks the #ERP Market," and displayed an image illustrating the integrated nature of its Central platform with its products, including how Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro work together to "[c]apture orders, subscriptions, invoices, payments, and AR" and "[r]ecognize revenue."



167. These statements were false and misleading. In truth, as discussed above, the Central platform was not integrated such that it could work together with its products Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro to capture orders, subscriptions, invoices, payments, and AR and recognize revenue. In particular, customers using both Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro were unable to integrate the data between the two systems. Rather, as corroborated by former Zuora employees and Defendants, the only way to remove the friction from reconciling the two systems would be for the client to either export the data from Zuora Billing and import it into Zuora RevPro manually for revenue recognition, or invest a significant amount of resources to build a customized integration that ingests the required data from Zuora Billing into Zuora RevPro. Defendants' statements identified in paragraph 166 also omitted material facts corroborated by former Zuora employees and of which

Defendants were aware and had knowledge of, including the failure of the "Zuora on Zuora" and "Keystone" integration projects and their customers' frustration over the failed integration between Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro. Having spoken directly on the subject of Zuora's subscription management's functionality and ability to bill and recognize revenue from a single platform, Defendants were bound to provide these omitted facts to avoid misleading investors about the true capabilities of the Zuora Central Platform and its related products Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro.

168. Throughout the Class Period, Zuora's Facebook page also emphasized how Zuora Central was the "#Subscription Economy platform" or "Subscription Order-to-Revenue Platform" that allowed a company to run its "dynamic order-to-cash platform on one central platform":



Central was not a singular "Subscription Order-to-Revenue Platform." Rather, as corroborated by former Zuora employees and Defendants, the only way to remove the friction from integrating Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro would be for the client to either export the data from Zuora Billing and import it into Zuora RevPro manually for revenue recognition, or invest a significant amount of resources to build a customized integration that ingests the required data from Zuora Billing into Zuora RevPro. Defendants' statements identified in paragraph 168 omitted material facts corroborated by former Zuora employees and of which Defendants were aware and had knowledge of, including the failure of the "Zuora on Zuora" and "Keystone" integration projects and their customers' frustration over the failed integration between Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro. Having spoken directly on the subject of Zuora Central's subscription order-to-revenue capabilities,



1	Defendants were bound to provide these omitted facts to avoid misleading investors about the true
2	capabilities of the Zuora Central Platform and its related products Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro.
3	B. Defendants' False Statements In Zuora's Product Press Releases and Form 8-Ks
4	170. Throughout the Class Period, Defendants published numerous false or misleading
5	statements in their press releases about how Zuora could offer a robust, single system of record for
6	its subscription businesses.
7	171. For example, numerous Zuora press releases during the Class Period contained the
8	following description of Zuora and emphasized the integrated nature of Zuora's offerings:
9	Zuora® provides the leading cloud-based subscription management platform that
10	functions as a system of record for subscription businesses across all industries. Powering the Subscription Economy®, the Zuora platform was architected specifically for dynamic, recurring subscription business models and acts as an
11 12	intelligent subscription management hub that automates and orchestrates the entire subscription order-to-cash process, including billing and revenue recognition To learn more about the Zuora platform, please visit www.zuora.com.
13	See, e.g., "Zuora Announces Date for First Quarter Fiscal 2019 Earnings Conference Call" (May 4,
14	2018); "Zuora Delivers Strong First Quarter Fiscal 2019 Results" (May 31, 2018); "Merchant e-
15	Solutions Announces Sponsorship of Zuora's Subscribed 2018 User Conference" (May 31, 2018);
16	"Zuora Hosts Subscribed '18: The World's Premiere Conference for Leaders of the Subscription
17	Economy" (May 31, 2018); "Synthesis Unveils Their Subscription Monetization Accelerator Kit at
18	Zuora Subscribed 2018" (June 5, 2018); "Tien Tzuo, CEO and Founder of Zuora, Launches
19	SUBSCRIBED, the First Book on the Subscription Economy" (June 5, 2018); "Zuora Central
20	Upgrade Further Attacks the ERP Market" (June 5, 2018); "Zuora Announces its Spring '18 Releas
21	at Subscribed in San Francisco" (June 5, 2018); "Zuora to Participate in the Canaccord Genuity 38 th
22	Annual Growth Conference" (July 30, 2018); "Zuora Announces Date for Second Quarter Fiscal
23	2019 Earnings Conference Call" (August 1, 2018); "Zuora Reports Record Second Quarter Fiscal
24	2019 Results" (August 30, 2018); "Zuora Hosts Subscribed New York Featuring Thought Leaders
25	From Amazon, Fortune, NYSE and XO Group" (October 5, 2018); "Zuora Named Amazon Pay
26	Premier Partner for Millions of Merchants to Capitalize on the Subscription Economy" (October 11
27	2018); "Zuora Announces Date for Third Quarter Fiscal 2019 Earnings Conference Call"
28	(November 1, 2018); "Zuora Reports Record Third Quarter Fiscal 2019 Results" (November 29,

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2018); "Zuora Announces its Winder '19 Release" (December 11, 2018); "Zuora to Participate in the
21st Annual Needham Growth Conference" (January 08, 2019); "Zuora Helps Worthpoint
Accelerate its Growth Annually and Get to Cash Flow Positive" (January 15, 2019); "Zuora is
Essential to eMoney Advisor's Successful Transformation to the Subscription Model" (January 29,
2019); "Zuora Announces Date for Its Fourth Quarter and Full Year Fiscal 2019 Earnings
Conference Call" (February 4, 2019); "Zuora to Participate in Upcoming Goldman Sachs, JMP
Securities and Morgan Stanley Investor Conferences" (February 6, 2019); "Interbrand and Zuora
Join Forces to Help Global Brands Succeed in the Subscription Economy" (February 13, 2019);
"Zuora Announces its Call for Speakers for Subscribed 2019: The World's Premiere Conference for
Leaders of the Subscription Economy" (February 19, 2019); "Zuora Outperforms ERP Vendors as
the System of Record for the Subscription Economy" (February 20, 2019); "TerrAvion Goes Live on
Zuora's Subscription Billing Platform in 39 Days" (March 6, 2019); "Ricoh Selects Zuora to
Accelerate the Global Expansion of its New Digital Workplace Productivity Solutions" (March 8,
2019); "Zuora Helps Power Sports Streaming Service Kayo Sports" (March 13, 2019); "Zuora
Reports Record Fourth Quarter and Full Year Fiscal 2019 Results" (March 21, 2019); "The
Subscription Economy Grows More than 300% In The Last Seven Years" (March 21, 2019); "Zuora
Adds Five New U.S. Patents to Accelerate Growth of the Subscription Economy (March 22, 2019);
"New International Survey Reports on The End of Ownership and The Rise of Subscriptions"
(April 29, 2019); "Zuora Announces Date for its First Quarter Fiscal 2020 Earnings Conference
Call" (May 3, 2019); and "Zuora Hosts Subscribed 2019 Featuring Behind-the-Scenes Conversations
with WeWork, Pandora, Fender and More" (May 13, 2019).
172. Defendants made identical statements throughout the Class Period in "Current

Reports: Results of Operations and Financial Condition," filed with the SEC on Form 8-K pursuant

to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, which were signed and approved by



Defendant Sloat or Jennifer Pileggi, Zuora's Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary.²¹

platform could not automate and orchestrate the entire subscription order-to-cash process, including billing and revenue recognition. Rather, as corroborated by former Zuora employees and Defendants, the only way to remove the friction from integrating Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro would be for the client to either export the data from Zuora Billing and import it into Zuora RevPro manually for revenue recognition, or invest a significant amount of resources to build a customized integration that ingests the required data from Zuora Billing into Zuora RevPro. Defendants' statements identified in paragraph 171 also omitted material facts corroborated by former Zuora employees and of which Defendants were aware and had knowledge of, including the failure of the "Zuora on Zuora" and "Keystone" integration projects and their customers' frustration over the failed integration between Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro. Having spoken directly on the subject of the Zuora platform's functionality, Defendants were bound to provide these omitted facts to avoid misleading investors about the true capabilities of the Zuora Central Platform and its related products Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro.

174. In addition, on June 5, 2018, Zuora issued a press release entitled "Zuora Central Upgrade Further Attaches the ERP Market," touting Zuora Central as being the "first and only complete subscription order-to-revenue solution on the market." Zuora stated that through Zuora Central, "[c]ompanies can rapidly acquire customers across multiple channels, seamlessly manage the entire customer lifecycle, and automate revenue recognition, in a single solution."

175. These statements were false and misleading. In truth, as discussed above, Zuora Central was not a complete subscription order-to-revenue solution, and customers could not seamlessly manage the entire customer lifecycle and automate revenue recognition, with Zuora Central as a single solution. Rather, as corroborated by former Zuora employees and Defendants, the

²¹ See Current Reports: Results of Operations and Financial Condition, filed with the SEC on Form 8-K on May 31, 2018, August 30, 2018, November 29, 2018, and March 21, 2019.



only way to remove the friction from integrating Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro would be for the
client to either export the data from Zuora Billing and import it into Zuora RevPro manually for
revenue recognition, or invest a significant amount of resources to build a customized integration
that ingests the required data from Zuora Billing into Zuora RevPro. Defendants' statements
identified in paragraph 174 also omitted material facts corroborated by former Zuora employees and
of which Defendants were aware and had knowledge of, including the failure of the "Zuora on
Zuora" and "Keystone" integration projects and their customers' frustration over the failed
integration between Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro. Having spoken directly on the subject of
Zuora Central's functionality, Defendants were bound to provide these omitted facts to avoid
misleading investors about the true capabilities of the Zuora Central Platform and its related products
Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro.
176. On December 11, 2018, Zuora issued a press release entitled "Zuora Announces its
Winter '19 Release," which emphasized the "automation and usability across Zuora Billing, Zuora
Collect, and Zuora RevPro." ²² Within its winter release, Zuora represented that its solution would
"help finance teams increase productivity," including:
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Reduced time spent on billing tasks and complex account updates with automated workflows[.]

Easier collaboration amongst collection teams to resolve unpaid invoices and atrisk accounts[.]

More efficient month end close to meet ASC 606 revenue compliance through disclosure reporting and intelligent exception handling[.]

Faster turnaround to create new automated processes, such as applying late fees, calculating usage, or previewing upcoming invoices, using the enhanced workflow user interface.

177. These statements were false and misleading. In truth, as discussed above, Zuora could not provide automation and usability across Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro. Moreover, the Zuora platform itself could not concurrently provide the represented capabilities, including month end close to meet ASC 606 revenue compliance through disclosure reporting and intelligent exception

²² Press Release, Zuora, Zuora Announces its Winter '19 Release (Dec. 11, 2018) (on file with author).



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remove the friction from integrating Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro would be for the client to either
export the data from Zuora Billing and import it into Zuora RevPro manually for revenue
recognition, or invest a significant amount of resources to build a customized integration that ingests
the required data from Zuora Billing into Zuora RevPro. Defendants' statements identified in
paragraph 176 also omitted material facts corroborated by former Zuora employees and of which
Defendants were aware and had knowledge of, including the failure of the "Zuora on Zuora" and
"Keystone" integration projects and their customers' frustration over the failed integration between
Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro. Having spoken directly on the subject of Zuora Billing and Zuora
RevPro's functionality, Defendants were bound to provide these omitted facts to avoid misleading
investors about the true capabilities of the Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro.
C. The IPO Registration Statement
178. On April 11-12, 2018, Defendants filed Zuora's IPO Registration Statement, signed
and approved by Defendants Tzuo and Sloat, wherein Defendants emphasized that Zuora was "well-
positioned to capitalize" on the shift to the Subscription Economy based on its solution's ability to

positioned to capitalize" on the shift to the Subscription Economy based on its solution's ability to "orchestrate the entire subscription order-to-cash process, including billing and revenue recognition." In particular, Defendants stated that Zuora's solution was:

Architected specifically for dynamic, recurring subscription business models, our solution functions as an intelligent subscription management hub that automates and orchestrates the entire subscription order-to-cash process, including billing and revenue recognition. Our cloud-based software solution is the new system of record for subscription businesses.

- In the Registration Statement, Defendants also claimed that Zuora's platform offered 179. customers "a flexible pricing model and automated billing, streamlined collection, and efficient accounting features."
- 180. Similarly, Defendants identified Zuora's "[c]omprehensive solution built specifically to handle the complexities of subscription business models" as "Competitive Strengths." Specifically, Defendants stated that Zuora's solution "functions as an intelligent subscription management hub that automates and orchestrates the entire subscription order-to-cash process and is architected specifically for dynamic subscription business models." This statement was



followed by the following image illustrating Zuora's connected "intelligent subscription management hub":



- 181. Defendants added that "[u]nlike many legacy ERP systems, Zuora was built specifically to handle the complexities of subscription business models from customer acquisition to financial records close, and it has become the system of record for managing subscriptions for our customers."
- 182. Defendants further claimed that Zuora's "solution enables customers to successfully ... [b]ill accurately with automated invoices that reflect everything from up-to-date proration and plan changes to usage-based billing," while concurrently "[a]ccount for revenue, comply with the latest revenue recognition rules, close books faster, orchestrate subscription transactions, and process revenue in real-time."
- 183. The Registration Statement also promoted Zuora's ability to deploy and configure its solution on its clients' internal systems: "We can deploy and configure our portfolio of order-to-cash products to meet a wide variety of use cases for subscription business models," including Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro.
- 184. The Registration Statement emphasized that Zuora's solution "Free[d] Up IT and Engineering Resources," and that with Zuora, "engineering and IT departments no longer need to build in-house custom systems or customizations for their ERP systems to keep up with market changes, ongoing customer demands, and new order-to-cash processes."

1	185. The statements in the Registration Statement as alleged in paragraphs 178-184 above
2	were false and misleading. In truth, as described above, Zuora's solution (i) could not automate and
3	orchestrate the entire subscription order-to-cash process, including billing and revenue recognition;
4	(ii) did not concurrently offer automated billing and efficient accounting features; (iii) did not
5	connect or integrate the represented billing and revenue recognition functions; (iii) could not
6	singularly handle the customer acquisition to financial records close process; (iv) could not enable
7	customers to successfully bill accurately with automated invoices while concurrently account for
8	revenue, comply with the latest revenue recognition rules, close books faster, orchestrate
9	subscription transactions, and process revenue in real-time; (v) could not be deployed and configured
10	to concurrently operate Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro at its intended use; and (vi) did not obviate
11	the need for customers' engineering and IT departments to build in-house custom systems or
12	customizations for their ERP systems to address subscription order-to-cash processes. In particular,
13	customers using both Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro were unable to integrate the data between the
14	two systems. Rather, as corroborated by former Zuora employees and Defendants, the only way to
15	remove the friction from reconciling the two systems would be for the client to either export the data
16	from Zuora Billing and import it into Zuora RevPro manually for revenue recognition, or invest a
17	significant amount of resources to build a customized integration that ingests the required data from
18	Zuora Billing into Zuora RevPro. Defendants' statements identified in paragraphs 178-184 also
19	omitted material facts corroborated by former Zuora employees and of which Defendants were aware
20	and had knowledge of, including the failure of the "Zuora on Zuora" and "Keystone" integration
21	projects and their customers' frustration over the failed integration between Zuora Billing and Zuora
22	RevPro. Having spoken directly on the subject of Zuora's solution's functionality, Defendants were
23	bound to provide these omitted facts to avoid misleading investors about the true capabilities of the
24	Zuora's platform and its related products Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro.

186. In addition, the Registration Statement falsely promoted Zuora's ability to generate future revenue growth, noting that "Once customers are operating on our solution, we have multiple ways to expand our footprint and drive revenue growth from these customers, which we



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refer to as upsell," including that "	Customers that started with	Zuora Billing or	Zuora RevPro can
also subscribe to the other flagship	product."		

Relationships with Existing Customers" by "increasing transaction volume and upsells and cross-sells with additional products." Zuora detailed "multiple ways" to "expand [its] footprint" and "drive revenue growth" from existing customers (i.e., "upsell"), including "[c]ustomers that started with Zuora Billing or Zuora RevPro can also subscribe to the other flagship product[.]" Zuora also said it would "focus on acquiring new customers through [its] flagship products, Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro." As Zuora noted, it expected future growth opportunities for RevPro because as "many industries transition[] to subscription business models," those businesses will "increasingly realize that their existing systems are insufficient."

188. The statements in the Registration Statement as alleged in paragraphs 186-187 above were false and misleading. In truth, as described above, and as corroborated by reliable former Zuora employees, and by Defendants themselves after the Class Period, the integration failure between Zuora's flagship products was resulting in severe sales execution issues, reduced upsell opportunities, and diminished demand for Zuora Central and other homegrown products such that the described method for revenue growth was not viable or sustainable. Defendants' statements identified in paragraphs 186-187 also omitted material facts corroborated by former Zuora employees and of which Defendants were aware and had knowledge of, including that the failed integration reduced revenues and caused sales execution problems. Having spoken directly on the issue of customer demand and cross-selling or upselling opportunities with Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro, Defendants were bound to provide these omitted facts to avoid misleading investors.

D. Statements In Zuora's Quarterly Reports

189. During the Class Period, Zuora filed quarterly reports with the SEC pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 filings on June 13, 2018, September 12, 2018 and December 13, 2018. These Quarterly Reports, which were signed and approved by Defendants Tzuo and Sloat, contained similar false statements regarding Zuora's offering of a fully-

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integrated, single system of record for subscription businesses. Specifically, these Quarterly Reports contained the following statements:

We provide cloud-based software on a subscription basis that enables any company in any industry to successfully launch, manage, and transform into a subscription business. Architected specifically for dynamic, recurring subscription business models, our solution functions as an intelligent subscription management hub that automates and orchestrates the subscription order-to-cash process, including quoting, billing, collections, analytics, and revenue recognition. We offer businesses the ability to meet the constantly-evolving needs of their subscribers, capitalize on new revenue opportunities, and accelerate business growth.

190. The statements in the Quarterly Reports as alleged above were false and misleading. In truth, as described above, Zuora's solution could not automate and orchestrate the subscription order-to-cash process, including billing and revenue recognition. In particular, customers using both Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro were unable to integrate the data between the two systems. Rather, as corroborated by former Zuora employees and Defendants, the only way to remove the friction from reconciling the two systems would be for the client to either export the data from Zuora Billing and import it into Zuora RevPro manually for revenue recognition, or invest a significant amount of resources to build a customized integration that ingests the required data from Zuora Billing into Zuora RevPro. Defendants' statements identified in paragraph 189 also omitted material facts corroborated by former Zuora employees and of which Defendants were aware and had knowledge of, including the failure of the "Zuora on Zuora" and "Keystone" integration projects and their customers' frustration over the failed integration between Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro. Having spoken directly on the subject of Zuora's solution's functionality, Defendants were bound to provide these omitted facts to avoid misleading investors about the true capabilities of the Zuora's platform and its related products Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro.

E. Defendants' False Statements At The Q1 2019 Earnings Call

191. On May 31, 2018, Zuora held an earnings conference call with investors to report its fiscal year 2019 first quarter results. In his opening comments, Defendant Tzuo highlighted Zuora's offering of a "complete subscription management solution":

[W]e continue to offer the only complete subscription management solution, 100% focused on helping companies of all sizes launch, scale, and transform into a subscription business. Third, we continue to believe that the changing expectations around IT architectures are creating a once-in-a-generation opportunity for us to build





services. And we see really long-term demand for more sophisticated revenue recognition solutions. And as a leading player of the market, we are truly excited.

196. In response to the same analyst question, Defendant Sloat reiterated the "continued demand" for RevPro and that Zuora saw "a lot of tailwinds" in the business:

Yes, I'll take the financial result. We're not breaking out the RevPro-specific billings and revenue. *However, we do see a lot of tailwinds in the business*. The deferred revenue hasn't come all the way through from what we purchased, but we are now looking at a lot of customers that have continued demand for both of our flagship products.

We did talk about the professional services and I gave you those numbers because I do think that's important to see the trail-off of the 605 to 606 customers that are upgrading. Because we look at that as one-time as opposed to attached to a new business. But in general, we saw a strong demand for both products across the board.

197. One analyst noted the 112% retention reported in the earnings report was "quite strong," and asked how much of the retention was "upsell from transaction volume versus add-on adoption." Defendant Tzuo replied that Zuora's strategy was based on the Company's ability to "not only attract brand new logos, companies that are entering the subscription economy, but also continue to drive growth within our installed base." Defendant Tzuo further stated that Zuora has:

[C]reated really a multipronged strategy to do that. We have our add-on products certainly; we can cross-sell our two flagship products where you can start with billing and we can come back and sell you RevPro or vice versa. And we have a set of add-on products.

198. In response to a follow-up question regarding net-revenue retention, Defendant Sloat reemphasized the "strong demand" for both Zuora Billing and RevPro, Zuora's two "flagship" products:

But it feels really good. There was no meaningful change either in terms of the mix of the upsell and where it was coming from. There's just strong demand all the way around for both add-on products, both flagship products, and then volume. I mean, you can see the volume increase that we talked about: over \$7 billion of process volume in Q1. These are all positives across the board.

199. Analysts reacted positively to the earnings results. A Jefferies analyst observed that the "strong top-line performance was driven by continued traction of Zuora's flagship billing product and RevPro." Jefferies also emphasized that the "RevPro Opportunity Has Legs" as "the complexities of revenue recognition for dynamic recurring revenue business models warrant the need for automating the related processes" and that "RevPro is both a cross-sell opportunity to existing

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customers and upsell opportunity[.]"Jefferies further confirmed that management's statements about ERP vendors being "inadequate to meet the complexities of dynamic subscription business models" was "consistent with our customer due diligence." A Canaccord Genuity analyst said there were "clear signs Zuora's assertion that the subscription economy is upon us is coming true." Notably, Canaccord Genuity expressed confidence in Zuora's strong guidance because "we have known CFO Tyler Sloat for half a decade," and could "attest that he is about as far from a gunslinger as you can get, so this guide is almost certainly a signal that business trends are quite good."

Defendants' statements at the May 31, 2018 Q1 2019 earnings call alleged in 200. paragraphs 191-198 above were false and misleading. In truth, as discussed above, Zuora did not manage a complete subscription management solution and its platform and related products could not orchestrate and automate the entire subscription order-to-cash process, including both billing and revenue recognition. In particular, customers using both Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro were unable to integrate the data between the two systems. Rather, as corroborated by former Zuora employees and Defendants, the only way to remove the friction from reconciling the two systems would be for the client to either export the data from Zuora Billing and import it into Zuora RevPro manually for revenue recognition, or invest a significant amount of resources to build a customized integration that ingests the required data from Zuora Billing into Zuora RevPro. Moreover, as corroborated by reliable former Zuora employees, and by Defendants themselves after the Class Period, the integration failure between Zuora's flagship products was resulting in severe sales execution issues, reduced upsell opportunities, and diminished demand for RevPro and other homegrown products. Defendants' statements identified in paragraphs 191-198 also omitted material facts corroborated by former Zuora employees and of which Defendants were aware and had knowledge of, including (i) the failure of the "Zuora on Zuora" and "Keystone" integration projects and their customers' frustration over the failed integration between Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro; and (ii) the failed integration reduced revenues and caused sales execution problems. Having spoken directly on the issue of Zuora's solution's functionality as well as customer demand and cross-selling or upselling opportunities with Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro, Defendants were bound to provide these omitted facts to avoid misleading investors.



F. Defendants' False Statements At The Q2 2019 Earnings Call

- 201. On August 30, 2018, Zuora hosted an earnings conference call to report its FY 2019 second quarter results.
 - 202. During the call, Defendant Sloat summarized Defendant Tzuo's "vision for Zuora":

If you think back 5 months ago, and you're at our road show, you basically laid out our vision for Zuora. And it really boiled down to 3 things: first, that the shift to Subscription Economy is a global trend and it's happening across all industries and all geographies; second, Zuora has built the only complete subscription management solution focused 100% on helping companies of all sizes, launch, scale and transform into a subscription business; and finally, as a result, we are the portfolio at play across the entire Subscription Economy. And as a result of that, we have a unique opportunity to deliver sustainable long-term growth and build a great business. So question, if we were doing a road show presentation today, would you be saying the same exact things?

203. In response to an analyst question, Defendant Sloat offered further explanation for why RevPro offered Zuora a "longer-term opportunity," specifically that the complexities of subscription businesses require a program like RevPro to automate the process of revenue recognition:

I think we're seeing 2 things. One, ASC 606 and IFRS 15 is a good driver for customers kind of last year when we talk about 605, 606 upgrade, but what we're seeing is that companies had a time line. They had to get compliant and a lot of them chose to do that through kind of some manual band aid process, what we call. So we're seeing those guys now. They've gone through their first integration. But they know it's not sustainable, and they're going to need the revenue automation solution for 606 going forward. So those customers are still out there. But on top of that, it's all about -- the reason we did the acquisition was not 606. It is about business model complexity that hits both your quote-to-cash solution as well as your revenue automation. And that's really what we're seeing right now or the Hitachi example of that Tien touched on that, that's all about just complexity and manual processes. And they wake up -- a customer wakes up, and they realize they've outsourced all revenue to some other place, and they've got tens and tens of bodies doing this all manually. And that's not sustainable. And so that's where I think that the long kind of like tailwinds are going to be for 606 -- for RevPro.

204. Defendant Tzuo also touted Zuora's experience with ASC 606 implementation as an "asset," and described Zuora's "expertise" with RevPro for revenue recognition:

Again, we feel good. I mean -- so when we look at this year, the company has grown significantly as an independent company, and they have never raised a venture amount and so have limited ability to invest, and we've been able to invest in that business. And so -- look, when we pull back and you ask yourselves which company out there really has the most 606 experience, and I would bet that it's this team. They've done, I mean, dozens or scores of 606 implementations. Ask around for all the tech companies that you guys cover. Chances are they're using RevPro for



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revenue recognition. And so that expertise is an asset, especially when we can apply more distribution capability against their products.

Defendants' statements at the August 30, 2018 Q2 2019 earnings call alleged in 205. paragraphs 201-204 were false and misleading. In truth, as discussed above, Zuora had not built the complete subscription management solution it previously represented it had. In particular, customers using both Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro were unable to integrate the data between the two systems. Rather, as corroborated by former Zuora employees and Defendants, the only way to remove the friction from reconciling the two systems would be for the client to either export the data from Zuora Billing and import it into Zuora RevPro manually for revenue recognition, or invest a significant amount of resources to build a customized integration that ingests the required data from Zuora Billing into Zuora RevPro. Moreover, as corroborated by reliable former Zuora employees, and by Defendants themselves after the Class Period, the integration failure between Zuora's flagship products was resulting in severe sales execution issues, reduced upsell opportunities, and diminished demand for RevPro and other homegrown products. Defendants' statements identified in paragraphs 201-204 also omitted material facts corroborated by former Zuora employees and of which Defendants were aware and had knowledge of, including (i) the failure of the "Zuora on Zuora" and "Keystone" integration projects and their customers' frustration over the failed integration between Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro; and (ii) the failed integration reduced revenues and caused sales execution problems. Having spoken directly on the issue of Zuora's solution's functionality, customer demand and cross-selling or upselling opportunities with Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro, and sales execution and expertise, Defendants were bound to provide these omitted facts to avoid misleading investors.

G. Defendants' False Statements At The Q3 2019 Earnings Call

- 206. On November 29, 2018, Zuora held an earnings call to report its fiscal year 2019 third quarter results.
- 207. During the call, Defendant Tzuo described how Zuora Billing and RevPro were based on a "simple concept to automate the financial complexities generated by subscription models." He



1	also described how Zuora's "value proposition [was] now more centered around automation and
2	efficiencies versus simply compliance":
3 4	[Billing and RevPro are] both based on a simple concept to automate the financial complexities generated by subscription models that are highly, highly differentiated and mission-critical for our customers.
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6	So what we're finding is that many public companies rush to get compliance, but a lot
7	of them did so manually with spreadsheets, and they found this to be a short-term Band-Aid solution. These companies are realizing that the real problem with never ASC 606. The bigger, more systemic trend is that these companies were struggling to
8	scale their revenue operations because of all these new flexible-consumption recurring models that the companies were launching, and they couldn't do it with a manual
9	Excel-based approach. ASC 606 was the thing that only highlighted the problem.
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11 12	So you can see that the underlying demand hasn't gone away, but our value proposition is now more centered around automation and efficiencies versus simply
13	compliance. [It's nice to see] this quarter, we also signed on other public companies like Carbonite and Pivotal who both chose RevPro all because we got the best revenue automation platform on the market, and there's a big, big difference between being compliant and being competitive.
14 15	208. Defendant Sloat echoed Defendant Tzuo's comment regarding why Zuora views its
16	value proposition as being more than helping companies become compliant:
17 18	And that was the reason to bring on the RevPro product in the first place. The need for revenue automation is not just driven by ASC 606 compliant. It's a larger issue with many of these companies as the complexity of revenue recognition limits their ability to efficiently scale and meet their business goals. That's why we continue to see good demand for our RevPro product.
19	209. In response to an analyst question regarding gross retentions, Defendant Tzuo
20 21	emphasized Zuora's success "bringing customers live" on Zuora's platform:
22	So you obviously understand SaaS companies with subscription model, churn is going to have a big swing effect. So it's something that I wouldn't say there's anything that
23	we put in place in the last 90 days, but it's obviously a huge focus of ours, and we hope to continue to show continuous improvements year-over-year on these numbers.
24	And so we feel really good. I think we benefited from the fact that we have a very sticky product, and when you look at our product, once it goes in, whether it's on billing on the revenue recognition side, right, it's sticky. It's running company's
25	core operations. It's the heart of the businesses. And so the 2 factors for us that influence churn are, one, how are well are we doing bringing customers live, and
26	that's where we continue to show improvements year-over-year.
27	210. Defendants' statements at the November 29, 2018 Q3 2019 earnings call alleged in

paragraphs 206-209 were false and misleading. In truth, as discussed above, RevPro could not



automate the financial complexities generated by subscription models and Zuora's "value
proposition" was not "more centered around automation and efficiencies versus simply compliance."
In particular, customers using both Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro were unable to integrate the data
between the two systems. Rather, as corroborated by former Zuora employees and Defendants, the
only way to remove the friction from reconciling the two systems would be for the client to either
export the data from Zuora Billing and import it into Zuora RevPro manually for revenue
recognition, or invest a significant amount of resources to build a customized integration that ingests
the required data from Zuora Billing into Zuora RevPro. For example, this integration defect led to
Zuora pausing the implementation of RevPro at Carbonite, a company Defendants identified as a
new RevPro customer during the November 29, 2018 earnings call. In addition, contrary to
Defendants' statements regarding their "very sticky product", and as corroborated by reliable former
Zuora employees, the integration defect caused serious sales execution problems, reduced upsell
opportunities, and diminished demand for RevPro. Defendants' statements identified in paragraphs
206-209 also omitted material facts corroborated by former Zuora employees and of which
Defendants were aware and had knowledge of, including (i) the failure of the "Zuora on Zuora" and
"Keystone" integration projects and their customers' frustration over the failed integration between
Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro; and (ii) the failed integration reduced revenues and caused sales
execution problems. Having spoken directly on the issue of RevPro's ability to automate financial
complexities generated by subscription models and customer demand and cross-selling or upselling
opportunities, Defendants were bound to provide these omitted facts to avoid misleading investors.
H. Defendants' False Statements In December 1, 2018 TheStreet.com Article: "Zuora's CEO and CFO Talk to The Street About Their Firm's Growth Outlook and More"
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In a December 1, 2018 article on TheStreet.com, Defendant Tzuo discussed how subscription business models are "wreaking havoc" on billing and revenue recognition, which presented an opportunity for Zuora:

When asked about Billing and RevPro cross-selling, Tzuo indicated that the percentage of clients using both solutions (said to be below 10% three months ago) is still low. But he added that the company did successfully cross-sell RevPro to some major clients last quarter, such as Pivotal Software and Carbonite, and argued that the challenges involved financially managing subscription businesses will drive additional traction.



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"I think the broader message is, companies are realizing [that] these new business models...are just wreaking havoc in their financial operations," he said. "And the two key areas that [they're] wreaking havoc on is billing and revenue recognition."

Defendant Tzuo's statements in the December 1, 2018 TheStreet.com article were 212. false and misleading. In truth, as discussed above, Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro could not handle the "havoc" in billing and revenue recognition caused by subscription business models. In particular, customers using both Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro were unable to integrate the data between the two systems. Rather, as corroborated by former Zuora employees and Defendants, the only way to remove the friction from reconciling the two systems would be for the client to either export the data from Zuora Billing and import it into Zuora RevPro manually for revenue recognition, or invest a significant amount of resources to build a customized integration that ingests the required data from Zuora Billing into Zuora RevPro. For example, this integration defect led to Zuora pausing the implementation of RevPro at Carbonite, a company identified as a "successful cross-sell" in the December 1, 2018 TheStreet.com article. In addition, contrary to Defendant Tzuo's statements regarding Zuora's ability to cross-sell, and as corroborated by reliable former Zuora employees, the integration defect caused serious sales execution problems, reduced upsell opportunities, and diminished demand for RevPro. Defendant Tzuo's statements also omitted material facts corroborated by former Zuora employees and of which Defendants were aware and had knowledge of, including (i) the failure of the "Zuora on Zuora" and "Keystone" integration projects and their customers' frustration over the failed integration between Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro; and (ii) the failed integration reduced revenues and caused sales execution problems. Having spoken directly on the issue of RevPro's ability to handle the "havoc" generated by subscription models and customer demand and cross-selling or upselling opportunities, Defendants were bound to provide these omitted facts to avoid misleading investors.

I. Defendants' False Statements At The January 15, 2019 Needham Growth Conference

213. On January 15, 2019, Defendant Sloat attended the Needham Growth Conference and participated in a Q&A session.

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214. To begin the discussion, Defendant Sloat offered the following description of Zuora and its business model, again emphasizing Zuora's ability to successfully allow companies to "launch, manage and grow their subscription base":

Sure. So, if you're not familiar with Zuora and what we do, because the name explains everything, obviously. We are really the only public company focused on subscription management. So, what do we mean by subscription management? We are a software company. Our platform allows our customers to launch, manage and grow their subscription base. That gets reflected often times in the word Billing because it happened to be a very complex transaction set that comes out of it. And that's one of our two flagship products. Our other flagship product is Revenue Recognition.

- 215. Thereafter, Defendant Sloat highlighted Zuora's cross-selling and up-selling of its core products to customers stating, "But on the upsell component, it is a mix of companies buying other products where you could be a billing customer and you're buying RevPro or vice versa. We still have less than 10% overlap of our customer base using both of our flagship products, but we do see a lot of traction starting there."
- 216. At the conference, in response to a question asking Defendant Sloat to speak to the functionality of RevPro, Defendant Sloat emphasized the demand Zuora was receiving for the product from existing Billing customers, how Zuora's acquisition of RevPro resolved the complexities customers faced with revenue recognition while operating a subscription-based model, and that RevPro obviated the need for "manual processes":

We bought the Leeyo business; we brought on the RevPro product not because of ASC 606, even though there is a great tailwind behind that. We brought it on because we know that there's a lot of complexity that's driven from subscription business models and it breaks your downstream revenue, and we were seeing as for our customer base. In fact, our customer base is coming to us and say, hey, if you can't solve this for us, we're going to have to go figure out how to solve it ourselves. We had always had billing-based revenue recognition, but ASC 606 demands bookingsbased revenue recognition, and that is what the RevPro product does. We knew all the players in that market and we had partnered with a lot of them, Leeyo was already a partner and we brought them on board. In our last call, we highlighted a couple of companies – a couple of existing billing customers that brought us on for RevPro. But we also highlighted public companies like Veeva who had already gotten ASC 606 compliant but then brought us on for RevPro because to point [out] a lot of companies are actually putting band-aids on this solution, they're using Excel to get compliant, and again to the first audit, but they realize that is not a sustainable solution, and *that* there's a ton of manual processes and those manual processes inevitably will force companies to bring in an actual software solution to manage those for them.



Defendant Sloat expressed confidence that Zuora could handle the "complexities" of 2 revenue recognition:

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Yeah. Yeah, the revenue recognition – the complexity is coming around the different charge models that they have and the different – the way the company will sell, right.

And then now, with ASC 606, you got have to be able to quantify everything and come off the SSP for every single product that you sell and then you have to be able to kind of itemize them out so when you bring it into the system, they could actually look at the whole order and then what the potential incremental buys of the customer might make against that order. What we find is that companies, if they think it's very simple as you dig through and you look historically how the way they sell and you actually kind of itemize every single, what we call charge model, that's where the complexities come in. We can still to handle them; you've just got to be able to

actually document them all.

218. The statements made during the January 15, 2019 Needham Growth Conference as alleged in paragraphs 213-217 were false and misleading. In truth, as discussed above, Zuora's platform could not allow its "customers to launch, manage and grow their subscription base," Zuora RevPro could not resolve the complexities faced with revenue recognition while operating a subscription business, and Zuora RevPro did not obviate the need for manual processes. In particular, customers using both Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro were unable to integrate the data between the two systems. Rather, as corroborated by former Zuora employees and Defendants, the only way to remove the friction from reconciling the two systems would be for the client to either export the data from Zuora Billing and import it into Zuora RevPro manually for revenue recognition, or invest a significant amount of resources to build a customized integration that ingests the required data from Zuora Billing into Zuora RevPro. In addition, contrary to Defendant Sloat's statements regarding Zuora's ability to cross-sell, and as corroborated by reliable former Zuora employees, the integration defect caused serious sales execution problems, reduced upsell opportunities, and diminished demand for RevPro. The statements also omitted material facts corroborated by former Zuora employees and of which Defendants were aware and had knowledge of, including (i) the failure of the "Zuora on Zuora" and "Keystone" integration projects and their customers' frustration over the failed integration between Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro; and (ii) the failed integration reduced revenues and caused sales execution problems. Having spoken directly on the issue of RevPro's ability to handle the complexities of revenue recognition for subscription businesses and customer

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demand and cross-selling or upselling opportunities, Defendants were bound to provide these omitted facts to avoid misleading investors.

- J. Defendants' False Statements At The February 13, 2019 Goldman Sachs Technology & Internet Conference
- 219. On February 13, 2019, Defendant Tzuo attended the Goldman Sachs Technology & Internet Conference and participated in a Q&A session.
- 220. During the conference, Defendant Tzuo described Zuora's role in the "digital transformation" of companies, which involve "true, true big, sticky implementations" that previously carried Oracle and SAP through "decades," and could now do the same for Zuora:

So it's -- the SIs are really, really important for what we do, right. If you look at what we did, it's digital transformation, in these companies. And so yes, there's a billing revenue recognition subscription management engine, but there's a broader business model transformation, there's a broader process transformation.

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But from a long-term perspective, it is these big implementations where you go into a company and you transform what the company does, and you're running the company's business. These are the true, true big, sticky implementations that carried Oracle through, right, decades, it's carried SAP through decades. And that's our world. And the SIs are definitely a big, big part of that world. And so we started talking about that, right, a couple of quarters ago on an earnings call, highlighting projects and accounts where we're working together, and we've signaled that you're going to see that trend continue to increase, right, just on a natural basis

221. During the conference, the Goldman Sachs representative asked Defendant Tzuo specifically about the cross-selling opportunities the RevPro acquisition presented among Zuora's existing clients:

From a product perspective, you got your core billing product, and through an acquisition, you added RevPro, which helps companies gets ASC 606 compliant. I think the attach rate for RevPro is about 10% today, but given the importance of companies becoming compliant with 606, can you talk about the path of that, that attach improving over time?

222. In response, Defendant Tzuo emphasized that the subscription economy's complexity was "destroying -- Oracle, SAP, it's destroying all the traditional accounting systems. And we can see this. We can see this because every SaaS company is wrestling with this." By contrast, at Zuora, Defendant Tzuo stated,

[W]e understand how to do this on the billing side. At a high level, it's the same idea on the revenue recognition side, but it was complex enough, we said, look, we -

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- we get this great partner that our customers are using, and we wound up acquiring these guys. But if you think about the level of billing complexity that we absorb -- revenue complexity is probably like another order of magnitude higher. And it's not going away, right? It's not going away. So people think okay, well this is just a compliance thing, right? So like the old GRC thing, where there's a period in time or a SOX thing, where you have to put in ASC 606 compliant solution, and you put it in, and you're done. No it's not ASC 606, it's the complexities of all these new business models that are destroying the finance department.

Defendant Tzuo's statements made during the February 13, 2019 Goldman Sachs Technology & Internet Conference as alleged in paragraphs 219-222 were false and misleading. In truth, as discussed above, Zuora could not adequately perform for its customers "true big, sticky implementations" resulting in a "broader process transformation," and Zuora did not "understand" how to do billing for subscription businesses. In particular, customers using both Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro were unable to integrate the data between the two systems. Rather, as corroborated by former Zuora employees and Defendants, the only way to remove the friction from reconciling the two systems would be for the client to either export the data from Zuora Billing and import it into Zuora RevPro manually for revenue recognition, or invest a significant amount of resources to build a customized integration that ingests the required data from Zuora Billing into Zuora RevPro. In addition, contrary to Defendant Tzuo's statements regarding Zuora's ability to cross-sell, and as corroborated by reliable former Zuora employees, the integration defect caused serious sales execution problems, reduced upsell opportunities, and diminished demand for RevPro. Defendant Tzuo's statements identified in paragraphs 219-222 also omitted material facts corroborated by former Zuora employees and of which Defendants were aware and had knowledge of, including (i) the failure of the "Zuora on Zuora" and "Keystone" integration projects and their customers' frustration over the failed integration between Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro; and (ii) the failed integration reduced revenues and caused sales execution problems. Having spoken directly on the issue of RevPro's ability to handle the complexities of billing and revenue recognition for subscription businesses and customer demand and cross-selling or upselling opportunities, Defendants were bound to provide these omitted facts to avoid misleading investors.



K. Defendants' False Statements At The February 26, 2019 Morgan Stanley Technology, Media & Telecom Conference

- 224. On February 26, 2019, Defendant Sloat attended the Morgan Stanley Technology, Media & Telecom Conference and participated in a Q&A session.
- 225. In the beginning of the session, Defendant Sloat reiterated that Zuora was the "only pure play business doing what we do, which is essentially enabling our customers to launch, manage, transform [and] account for their subscription business."
- 226. Defendant Sloat also discussed how Zuora's solution was "designed to think about [Zuora's] customer and the entire transaction set around the customer," which requires a "complete re-architecture" of a company's prior system.
- 227. During the session, Defendant Sloat repeated Zuora's view that companies looked to Zuora to not just become compliant, but to transform their business model. Therefore, as noted by Defendant Sloat, Zuora operates under a premise that "every billing customer will eventually need a revenue automation solution":

Yeah. So there are still different buyers, like the RevPro sales got a technical accounting, so we're selling to a controller ahead of revenue or something like that and trying to solve a specific problem. That specific problem is revenue automation. Now, the reason we did that is our customers were actually telling us, hey, we need your help in solving our revenue problem, and with ASC 606 revenue problem much more complex, but the reality is the long game is that in business model transformation in a subscription model, and I should clarify, subscription, we're talking, \$10 a month, \$120 a year, we are talking about a customer centric model that can have any kind of charge model that's surrounding it that you want, it could be premium all the way to pure usage. And the simple subscription is part of it clearly, but that complexity that that happens here breaks a lot of downstream things. And one of those things is revenue. And so the premise is that every billing customer will eventually need a revenue automation solution.

228. Defendant Sloat was also asked for his thoughts on RevPro on a "going forward basis." Like with other statements during the Class Period, Defendant Sloat emphasized that Zuora's customers were not only looking to become compliant, but were addressing complexities resulting from recognizing revenue in a subscription business. Defendant Sloat also said Zuora felt "pretty good" about its ability to offer a solution for companies dealing with the complexities resulting from revenue recognition:

So I think it still holds that the complexity will break your revenue automation regardless of ASC 606 or not. I don't think the tail end of ASC 606 is done. We



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highlighted a company on our Q3 call that it gotten ASC 606 compliant through spreadsheets, which a lot did because they ran out of time. Yet, the ASC 606 is not like socks where you kind of get [indiscernible] (00:22:56) doing some ongoing validation. ASC 606 you actually have to get audited every single year and things like SSPs and things like that can change. And so you actually have to have a solution that can spit out a number. Ironically, I think it's going to be like a lot of work for a lot of companies to get to that auditable solution, yet still may not change the numbers. But you have to go through the work to prove it. So we feel pretty good about it.

229. The statements made during the February 26, 2019 Goldman Sachs Technology & Internet Conference as alleged in paragraphs 224-228 were false and misleading. In truth, as discussed above, Zuora's platform could not "enabl[e] [its] customers to launch, manage, transform [and] account for their subscription business," Zuora could not actually offer "every billing customer" a "revenue automation solution," and Zuora had no basis to "feel good" about its ability to address the complexities resulting from recognizing revenue in a subscription business. In particular, customers using both Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro were unable to integrate the data between the two systems. Rather, as corroborated by former Zuora employees and Defendants, the only way to remove the friction from reconciling the two systems would be for the client to either export the data from Zuora Billing and import it into Zuora RevPro manually for revenue recognition, or invest a significant amount of resources to build a customized integration that ingests the required data from Zuora Billing into Zuora RevPro. In addition, contrary to Defendant Sloat's statements regarding Zuora's ability to cross-sell, and as corroborated by reliable former Zuora employees the integration defect caused serious sales execution problems, reduced upsell opportunities, and diminished demand for RevPro. Defendant Sloat's statements identified in paragraphs 224-228 also omitted material facts corroborated by former Zuora employees and of which Defendants were aware and had knowledge of, including (i) the failure of the "Zuora on Zuora" and "Keystone" integration projects and their customers' frustration over the failed integration between Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro; and (ii) the failed integration reduced revenues and caused sales execution problems. Having spoken directly on the issue of Zuora's platform's functionality, RevPro's ability to handle the complexities of billing and revenue recognition for subscription businesses and customer demand and cross-selling or upselling opportunities, Defendants were bound to provide these omitted facts to avoid misleading investors.

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L. Defendants' False Statements At The O4 2019 and Full FY 2019 Earnings Call

- On March 21, 2019, Zuora held an analyst conference call to report its FY 2019 fourth quarter and full year results.
- At the start of the call, Defendant Tzuo proclaimed that Zuora was the "only game in 231. town if you're looking for a complete end-to-end subscription platform, including billing and revenue recognition." Similarly, Defendant Tzuo stated that Zuora was the "only choice when it comes to putting the platform to drive [] growth" for subscription businesses. Further, Defendant Tzuo proclaimed, "We're scaling our business and getting more efficient while we're doing it."
- After delivering their prepared remarks, the Defendants fielded questions from analysts, including Hamza Fodderwala of Morgan Stanley, who asked Defendant Tzuo a series of questions about Zuora sales execution. In particular, Fodderwala asked, "[W]here do you feel you are in terms of from a sales execution standpoint? What's left as far as sales hiring? Where are you hiring? And particularly, around aligning the existing RevPro sales force and the Zuora billing sales force, where are you there as well?"
 - In response, Defendant Tzuo stated: 233.

"We feel really good. I mean we have a whole team in place now that's taking our learnings of how to make this business model work. And we have 2 big competitive moats. One is obviously the technology, and the other one, we believe that's just as important is our go-to-market expertise of how to engage with companies and how to help them understand what are the elements But we think we got knowledge. We've got a whole team that knows how to find the right folks, bring them onboard. We're doing a good job of hiring. We're doing a good job at enablement. We scaled this worldwide already. It was important for us to break through the international learnings actually before we went public, and so you're seeing our international business growing really, really well. But we feel good about where it is."

234. The statements made during the March 21, 2019 Q4 and FY 2019 earnings call as alleged in paragraphs 230-233 were false and misleading. In truth, as discussed above, Zuora could not offer an "end-to-end subscription platform, including billing and revenue recognition," and Zuora's technology, in reality, did not offer a "competitive moat." In particular, customers using both Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro were unable to integrate the data between the two systems. Rather, as corroborated by former Zuora employees and Defendants, the only way to remove the friction from reconciling the two systems would be for the client to either export the data from Zuora Billing

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their customers' frustration over the failed integration between Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro.				
Having spoken directly on the issue of Zuora's platform's functionality, Defendants were bound to				
provide these omitted facts to avoid misleading investors.				
M. Defendants' False Statements In the April 18, 2019 Annual Report				
235. On April 18, 2019, Zuora filed its Annual Report with the SEC on Form 10-K, which				
was signed by Defendants' Tzuo and Sloat. The 10-K echoed previous statements regarding the				
integrated nature of Zuora's "order-to-revenue process":				

Zuora is a leading cloud-based subscription management platform. We provide software that enables companies across multiple industries and geographies to launch, manage or transform to a subscription business model. Architected specifically for dynamic, recurring subscription business models, our cloud-based software functions as an intelligent subscription management hub that automates and orchestrates the entire subscription order-to-revenue process, including billing and revenue recognition. Our solution enables businesses to easily change pricing and packaging for products and services to grow and scale, to efficiently comply with revenue recognition standards, and to build meaningful relationships with their subscribers.

- 236. In contrast, the Zuora 10-K described how "[m]any of today's enterprise software systems that businesses use to manage their order-to-revenue process were built for a product driven economy, and are extremely difficult to reconfigure for the dynamic, ongoing nature of subscription services."
- 237. Like with its Registration Statement, Zuora identified its "[c]omprehensive solution built specifically to handle the complexities of subscription business models" as a "Competitive Strength." Specifically, Zuora stated that its solution "functions as an intelligent subscription management hub that automates and orchestrates the entire subscription order-to-revenue process," and is "[a]rchitected specifically for dynamic subscription business models."



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238. The 10-K also promoted Zuora's ability to deploy and configure its solution on its clients internal systems: "We can deploy and configure our portfolio of order-to-revenue products to meet a wide variety of use cases for subscription business models," including Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro.

239. The 10-K also emphasized that Zuora's solution "Free[d] Up IT and Engineering Resources," and that with Zuora, "engineering and IT departments no longer need to build inhouse custom systems or customizations for their Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems to keep up with market changes, ongoing customer demands, and new order-to-cash processes."

The statements in the 10-K as alleged in paragraphs 235-239 above were false and 240. misleading. In truth, as discussed above, Zuora's solution (i) could not automate and orchestrate the entire subscription order-to-cash process, including billing and revenue recognition; (ii) could not be deployed and configured to concurrently operate Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro at its intended use; and (iii) did not obviate the need for customers' engineering and IT departments to build in-house custom systems or customizations for their ERP systems to address subscription order-to-cash processes. In particular, customers using both Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro were unable to integrate the data between the two systems. Rather, as corroborated by former Zuora employees and Defendants, the only way to remove the friction from reconciling the two systems would be for the client to either export the data from Zuora Billing and import it into Zuora RevPro manually for revenue recognition, or invest a significant amount of resources to build a customized integration that ingests the required data from Zuora Billing into Zuora RevPro. The statements identified in paragraphs 235-239 also omitted material facts corroborated by former Zuora employees and of which Defendants were aware and had knowledge of, including the failure of the "Zuora on Zuora" and "Keystone" integration projects and their customers' frustration over the failed integration between Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro. Having spoken directly on the subject of Zuora's solution's functionality, Defendants were bound to provide these omitted facts to avoid misleading investors about the true capabilities of the Zuora's platform and its related products Zuora Billing and Zuora RevPro.

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VI. ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS OF DEFENDANTS' SCIENTER

241. Numerous facts in addition to those set forth above give rise to a strong inference that Defendants knew, or were deliberately reckless in not knowing, that their statements about the functionality of Zuora's Platform and software application products were false and misleading or omitted material facts necessary to make them not misleading when made.

242. Defendants were unsuccessful in integrating and implementing RevPro within **Zuora internally**. Defendants knew of the Billing-RevPro integration failure before and throughout the entirety of the Class Period based on Zuora's failure to effectively integrate and implement RevPro internally. According to former Zuora executive, it is an industry best practice to try to test your own product and to implement it internally before you actually take it out and sell it to a customer(P68). Despite working diligently on the "Zuora on Zuora" or "ZoZ" project, together with the ZoR extension of the project, Defendants failed to successfully connect RevPro internally through an automated solution (PP76-78). In particular, Zuora encountered the same integration failure customers experienced in performing an implementation of RevPro on its internal systems. *Id.* Indeed, the only way for Defendants to get RevPro online on Zuora's systems by April 2018 was after conducting a time and labor-intensive manual input of Billing data into the RevPro's system (\$\mathbb{P}78\$). However, due to the manual implementation, Zuora then had to do a two-year retest, which CW-1 said continued at Zuora into at least March 2019. *Id.* Given that Zuora failed to successfully configure and deploy RevPro internally, it is not plausible that Defendants did not know about the integration failure when making their misstatements and omissions.

technical challenges to integrating RevPro and Billing. According to former Zuora employees, at the same time Defendants were promoting the superior functionality and configuration of its solution on customers' systems, the Company secretly worked for years to develop a solution for the Billing-RevPro integration failure. Specifically, according to former Zuora employees, beginning in early 2018 through March 2019, Defendants worked on an unsuccessful integration technology project codenamed "Keystone" (PP79-84). However, after failed internal tests and tests on customers, reflecting that the Keystone technology and related OrderMetrics solution, Defendants determined

that Keystone could not deliver the represented functionality for RevPro (P119), as it did not have al
the data points needed for RevPro (P83), as 80 to 90 percent of Zuora's customers would not be able
to use the Keystone integration. (§84). In or about February or March 2019, Zuora's executives
acknowledged the failure of the Keystone project and decided to abandon the project in favor of a
separate technological approach internally called the K-2 Project, which project remains ongoing
(P 119).

- 244. Defendants' direct and extensive involvement in developing and marketing Zuora's platform and products, acquiring and integrating Leeyo, and leading the Billing-RevPro integration efforts. Defendant Tzuo is a co-founder of the Company, has been with the Company since its inception, and was its CEO during the entirety of the Class Period. He has publicly touted his knowledge of the Zuora solution and involvement in the integration of Leeyo and its RevPro product. Defendant Tzuo signed and certified the Company's SEC filings during the Class Period, as well as regularly spoke to investors about Zuora's solution's capabilities. Similarly, Defendant Sloat was the Company's long-time CFO including throughout the Class Period. Defendant Sloat has promoted his "owning of the business" model and he also led the internal Zuora on Zuora implementation project as well as technical Billing-RevPro integration projects.
- contemporaneous reports and data contradicting their statements to investors. Defendants attended meetings, as well as received, reviewed and had access to reports and data, which undermined their representations to investors about the functionality and the associated demand of Zuora's solution. For example, the Executive Defendants received testing reports and participated in monthly "Zuora on Zuora" or "ZoZ" project meetings where they were briefed on the progress of the internal implementation and implementation failure was discussed (PP85-87). Similarly, Zuora's executives had access to reports detailing the status of the Keystone Project and were also apprised of the result of the Keystone failure through a multitude of internal meetings. In addition, senior management at Zuora, including the Executive Defendants, knew about customer dissatisfaction with the Keystone integration through a multitude of sources, including group forums, meeting minutes and global summaries of all the forums, quarterly review meetings, and customer focus groups all detailing the



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Keystone Project's failure and the integration failure with respect to customers (PP93-97). In addition, the Executive Defendants were informed of the results of sales team meetings identifying customers that were upset with the integration and lost sales opportunities. The Executive Defendants further had access to the Company's SalesForce database that identified these and other client-specific issues (PP107, 109).

- 246. Defendants were informed directly by their customers with information contradicting their statements to investors. Defendants, including Defendant Sloat attended client forums where he other Zuora executives received negative feedback from customers informing him and other executives that Zuora had not been able to get the solution to work as advertised on their systems. In addition, Defendant Tzuo was informed through, among other things, email chains that a major customer of Zuora, Zoom, was so dissatisfied with the solution that it spent substantial sums of its own money to come up with an integration fix and withheld payment to Zuora (PP96, 107).
- 247. Defendants' admissions to their colleagues support of a strong inference of scienter. The Executive Defendants acknowledged the integration failure in advance of Zuora going public. During a monthly "Zuora on Zuora" or "ZoZ" project meeting in early 2018, Defendant Sloat told the project team about how Zuora was "going to market as a combined product for ASC 606," that the market needed a seamless solution and that "Zuora needed to get its act together with RevPro (P75). Further, in late 2018, Tien Tzuo gave Jagan Reddy and other executives a directive to start K2, acknowledging that Keystone/OrderMetrics wasn't working (P119).
- 248. Zuora's Senior Executives' insider sales during the Class Period were unusual and suspicious in both timing and amount. During the Class Period, Defendant Sloat made \$16.89 million insider sales. The first significant sale occurred on September 7, 2018, after Defendants admit they knew of the integration issue, and earned Defendant Sloat approximately \$8.8 million. The second significant sale occurred on March 28, 2019, just a week after Zuora announced positive fourth quarter fiscal year 2019 and full fiscal year 2019 results, but just one month before Zuora's disastrous first quarter fiscal year 2020 ended. Another Zuora insider, Marc Diouane, who was relieved of his position as President and head of sales when Zuora disclosed significant issues involving sales execution and the integration of RevPro with Zuora billing, earned approximately

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\$11.13 million in insider sales. Notably, nearly half of Mr. Diouane earnings from insider sales came in a transaction on April 30, 2019, which was the final day of Zuora's first quarter fiscal year 2020, and only a month before Zuora announced his removal. Both Defendant Sloat and Mr. Diouane would have made substantially less had the stock price not been artificially inflated.

- 249. These sales are further suspicious in terms of amount and timing when compared with sales during a period of similar length. Indeed, after the close of the Class Period up to the filing of this complaint, neither Defendant Sloat nor Diouane have sold any shares they owned or controlled. Moreover, while certain of these sales were made pursuant to 10b5-1 plans, Defendants entered into those plans during the Class Period while they were in possession of material non-public information.
- 250. Defendants' post-Class Period admissions that they knew of the integration failure and began work to address it in late spring 2018 or early summer 2018, yet failed to disclose such information while continuing to promote the functionality of Zuora's solution. At the May 30, 2019 earnings call, in responding to an analyst's question as to why the two systems had not been integrated given that Zuora had acquired Leeyo two years ago in 2017, Defendant Tzuo stated that the Company had been focused on getting RevPro customers live prior to the ASC 606 deadline and "didn't really have time and the resource to focus on the integration between [Billing and RevPro] until after the 606 [wave] was complete." Defendant Tzuo admitted that the Company started "heavy work on the integration [] early last summer, late spring, early last summer. And long story short, we went down one direction that proved to be a dead end, a false direction." Moreover, post-Class Period, Defendants admitted that, unbeknownst to investors, for the past year Company had been making extraordinary efforts to technically integrate the two products to make sure "that people that have our Billing product could also buy RevPro and have a clean integration across it." However, these efforts were unsuccessful, and as a result, the Company had to pause implementations that Zuora had with Billing customers who had recently bought RevPro until the integration work was completed. Defendants also admitted that these paused implementations delayed cross-selling efforts with other customers.

251. It is absurd to suggest that Defendants were not aware of the Billing-RevPro Integration because the integration issue affected Zuora's core operations. Virtually all of Zuora's revenues come directly or indirectly from its sale and implementation of its platform and related software application products that are impacted by this integration issue. Thus, the problem that the RevPro-Billing integration failure presented was so prominent it is not plausible that Tzuo, Sloat and other Zuora senior management, including Diouane, did not know about those problems when making false statements about the functionality of Zuora's solution.

252. The temporal proximity between Defendants' false statements and omissions and revelations of the truth supports an inference of scienter. On April 18, 2019, Zuora filed with the SEC its Annual Report for fiscal year 2019 on Form 10-K. This filing contained false and misleading statements concerning the Company's ability to concurrently deploy its two flagship products, Zuora RevPro and Zuora Billing. Just a little over a month later, on May 31, 2019, Zuora disclosed significant technical issues in integrating Zuora RevPro with Zuora Billing, that the technical issues adversely impacted revenue in both the first quarter but also for the entire fiscal year 2020, and that the work necessary to complete the integration would not occur until at least the end of the third quarter of fiscal year 2020. The close temporal proximity between the April 18, 2019 false statements and the May 10, 2018 disclosure supports a strong inference of Defendants' scienter.

253. Defendants implemented significant management and operational changes after the end of the Class Period. As discussed above, on May 30, 2019, the Company announced a change in sales leadership, disclosing that Marc Diouane would be immediately leaving his role as President and Head of Sales and would only be staying with the Company as advisor during the transition phase in securing new leadership. Defendants also announced realignment in the Company's entire sales structure, placing sales representatives under experienced managers. The Company further announced a change in its sales strategy, moving from a broad brushed "build the market" to executing on the pipeline, which would be done under a new head of sales.

254. The Executive Defendants held themselves out as knowledgeable about and highly involved in the integration of RevPro and Billing. The Executive Defendants held themselves out in their public statements as personally familiar with the Company's sales and



implementation process, including integration of RevPro with Billing. Indeed, Defendants repeatedly		
touted their "full visibility" full visibility" into sales and deployment process. In addition, during the		
Class Period, including at the May 31, 2018, August 31, 2018 and November 29, 2018 earnings calls		
Defendant Tzuo regularly spoke to investors and securities analysts regarding, among other topics,		
the functionality of and demand for Zuora's RevPro product, and cross-selling opportunities RevPro		
provided, including customer-specific examples. Similarly, Defendant Sloat held himself out as		
personally knowledgeable about the impact RevPro was having on Zuora's reported financials,		
including its revenue contributions. Finally, after the Class Period, on June 6, 2019, given the		
importance of integrating the two flagship products, Defendant Tzuo stated he personally would be		
leading the charge to drive product innovation and completion of the integration project.		
255. Defendants' misrepresentations were necessary to go public. Defendants made man		
of their misrepresentations and omissions while soliciting funds from investors in their initial public		

- 255. **Defendants' misrepresentations were necessary to go public**. Defendants made many of their misrepresentations and omissions while soliciting funds from investors in their initial public offering, with their misstatements allowing the Company to complete their long-desired IPO. Once public, Zuora executives and insiders, including Defendant Sloat and Diouane, sold substantial amounts of personal shares in Zuora, which they otherwise could not have accomplished without becoming a public company.
- Defendants made repeated statements to investors about the functionality of Zuora's solution throughout the Class Period in a multitude of press releases, social media messages, quarterly and annual reports filed with the SEC and signed by and/or approved by the Executive Defendants, and earnings calls. Having spoken on these subjects so many times, the Executive Defendants knew, or were deliberately reckless in not knowing, that the statements about the functionality of Zuora's solution were false and misleading and omitted material information.
- 257. The foregoing facts, particularly when considered collectively, support a strong inference of Defendants' scienter.



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VII. LOSS CAUSATION

258. The artificial inflation created by Defendants' alleged misrepresentations and omissions regarding the functionality of Zuora's solution and demand for the Company's solution was removed from Zuora's share price in direct response to information revealed in disclosures that took place on May 30, 2019. As set forth below, these disclosures divulged information that corrected Defendants' prior misrepresentations and omissions of material fact and/or disclosed facts Defendants misrepresented and omitted that were a substantial factor in causing investors' economic loss.

259. On May 30, 2019, after the NYSE closed for trading, Defendants disclosed the integration failure and sales execution issues. The Company further disclosed the diminished demand for its products by reporting a larger loss, reduced revenue growth, and reducing guided revenues for the entire fiscal year 2020.

260. Analysts were shocked by the Company's disclosures, including the revelation of the Billing-RevPro integration failure and sales execution problems. For example, One analyst at Jeffries asked Defendant Tzuo at the May 30, 2019 earnings call, "I mean you bought [RevPro] 2 years ago. So like it's hard -- like how can it not be integrated?" In addition, analysts connected the disclosure of the integration failure with the weaker than projected revenue for the year. For example, Canaccord lowered Zuora's target price, citing "Longer-than-anticipated progress to integrate modules of RevPro and Billing forced Zuora to elongate deployment (and therefore, revenue recognition for those add-on sales)." Similarly, FBN Securities lowered its target price of Zuora, citing "weaker than expected sales execution and longer than expected integration of Billing and RevPro."

Following these revelations, the price of Zuora common stock declined. On May 31, 2019, Zuora's share price fell \$5.91 per share, from \$19.90 per share on May 30, 3019 to \$13.99 per share on May 31, 2019, nearly 30%, on unusually heaving trading volume. The timing and magnitude of the declines in Zuora's share price negate any inference that Lead Plaintiff's losses were caused by changed market conditions, macroeconomic or industry factors or Company-specific factors unrelated to Defendants' wrongful conduct.

262. Defendants' wrongful conduct, as alleged herein, directly and proximately caused the damages suffered by Lead Plaintiff and other Class Member. Had Defendants disclosed complete, accurate, and truthful information concerning these matters during the Class Period, Lead Plaintiff and other Class members would not have purchased or otherwise acquired Zuora's securities or would not have purchased or otherwise acquired these securities at the artificially inflated prices that they paid. It was also foreseeable to Defendants that misrepresenting and concealing these material facts from the public would artificially inflate the price of Zuora securities and the ultimate disclosure of this information, or the materialization of the risks concealed by Defendants' material misrepresentations and omissions would cause the price of Zuora securities to decline.

VIII. NO SAFE HARBOR

263. The statutory safe harbor or bespeaks caution doctrine applicable to forward-looking statements under certain circumstances does not apply to any of the false and misleading statements pleaded in this Complaint. The statutory safe harbor or bespeaks caution doctrine does not apply to statements included in financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Moreover, none of the statements complained of herein was a forward-looking statement. Rather, they were historical statements or statements of purportedly current facts and conditions at the time the statements were made, including statements about Zuora's current and historical financial accounting practices, financial condition, and internal controls, among other topics.

264. To the extent that any of the false and misleading statements alleged herein can be construed as forward-looking, those statements were not accompanied by meaningful cautionary language identifying important facts that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the statements. As set forth above in detail, then-existing facts contradicted Defendants' statements regarding Zuora's financial accounting practices, financial condition, and internal controls, among others. Given the then-existing facts contradicting Defendants' statements, any generalized risk disclosures made by Zuora were insufficient to insulate Defendants from liability for their materially false and misleading statements.



IX. THE PRESUMPTION OF RELIANCE

265. At all relevant times, the market for Zuora's common stock was efficient for the following reasons, among others:

- (a) Zuora's stock met the requirements for listing, and was listed and actively traded on the NYSE, a highly efficient and automated market;
- (b) As a regulated issuer, Zuora filed periodic reports with the SEC and the NYSE;
- (c) Zuora regularly communicated with public investors via established market communication mechanisms, including through regular dissemination of press releases on the national circuits of major newswire services and through other wide ranging public disclosures, such as communications with the financial press and other similar reporting services; and
- (d) Zuora was followed by numerous securities analysts employed by major brokerage firms who wrote reports which were distributed to those brokerage firms' sales force and certain customers. Each of these reports was publicly available and entered the public market place.
- 266. As a result of the foregoing, the market for Zuora's common stock reasonably promptly digested current information regarding Zuora from all publicly available sources and reflected such information in the price of Zuora's common stock. All purchasers of Zuora common stock during the Class Period suffered similar injury through their purchase of Zuora common stock at artificially inflated prices, and a presumption of reliance applies.
- 267. A class-wide presumption of reliance is also appropriate in this action under the United States Supreme Court holding in *Affiliated Ute Citizens of Utah v. United States*, 406 U.S. 128 (1972), because the claims asserted herein against Defendants are predicated upon omissions of material fact for which there is a duty to disclose.

X. CLASS ALLEGATIONS

268. Lead Plaintiff brings this action as a class action pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(a) and 23(b)(3) on behalf of a Class consisting of all those who purchased or otherwise acquired the common stock of Zuora between April 12, 2018 and May 30, 2019, inclusive, and who



were damaged thereby (the "Class"). Excluded from the Class are (i) Defendants; (ii) members of the immediate family of each Individual Defendant; (iii) any person who was an officer or director of Zuora; (iv) any firm or entity in which any Defendant has or had a controlling interest; (v) any person who participated in the wrongdoing alleged; (vi) Defendants' liability insurance carriers; (vii) any affiliates, parents, or subsidiaries of Zuora; (viii) all Zuora plans that are covered by ERISA; and (ix) the legal representatives, agents, affiliates, heirs, beneficiaries, successors-in-interest, or assigns of any excluded person or entity, in their respective capacity as such.

- 269. The members of the Class are so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable. Throughout the Class Period, Zuora shares were actively traded on the NYSE. As of October 15, 2019, there were approximately 88 million shares of Zuora common stock outstanding. While the exact number of Class members is unknown to Lead Plaintiff at this time and can only be ascertained through appropriate discovery, Lead Plaintiff believes that there are at least hundreds-of-thousands of members of the Class. Class members who purchased Zuora common stock may be identified from records maintained by Zuora or its transfer agent(s) and may be notified of this class action using a form of notice similar to that customarily used in securities class actions.
- 270. Lead Plaintiff's claims are typical of Class members' claims, as all members of the Class were similarly affected by Defendants' wrongful conduct in violation of federal laws as complained of herein.
- 271. Lead Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect Class members' interests and have retained competent counsel experienced in class actions and securities litigation.
- 272. Common questions of law and fact exist as to all Class members and predominate over any questions solely affecting individual Class members. Among the questions of fact and law common to the Class are whether:
 - (a) the federal securities laws were violated by Defendants' acts as alleged herein;
 - (b) Defendants made statements to the investing public during the Class Period that were false, misleading or omitted material facts;
 - (c) Defendants acted with scienter; and
 - (d) Class members suffered compensable damages



273. A class action is superior to all other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this action because joinder of all Class members is impracticable. Additionally, the damage suffered by some individual Class members may be relatively small so that the burden and expense of individual litigation make it impossible for such members to individually redress the wrong done to them. There will be no difficulty in the management of this action as a class action.

XI. CLAIMS BROUGHT PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 10(B) AND 20(A) OF THE EXCHANGE ACT

COUNT I For Violations Of Section 10(b) Of The Exchange Act And SEC Rule 10b-5 Promulgated Thereunder (Against All Defendants)

- 274. Lead Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained above as if fully set forth herein.
- 275. This Count is asserted on behalf of all members of the Class against Defendants Zuora, Tzuo and Sloat, for violations of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78j(b) and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder, 17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5.
- 276. During the Class Period, Defendants disseminated or approved the false statements specified above, which they knew were, or they deliberately disregarded as, misleading in that they contained misrepresentations and failed to disclose material facts necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.
- 277. Defendants violated Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 in that they:

 (a) employed devices, schemes, and artifices to defraud; (b) made untrue statements of material facts or omitted to state material facts necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; and/or (c) engaged in acts, practices, and a course of business that operated as a fraud or deceit upon Lead Plaintiff and others similarly situated in connection with their purchases of Zuora common stock during the Class Period.
- 278. Defendants, individually and in concert, directly and indirectly, by the use of means or instrumentalities of interstate commerce and/or of the U.S. mails, engaged and participated in a continuous course of conduct that operated as a fraud and deceit upon Lead Plaintiff and the Class; made various untrue and/or misleading statements of material facts and omitted to state material facts

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Defendant Zuora is liable for all materially false and misleading statements made during the Class Period, as alleged above. Defendants Tzuo and Sloat, as top executive officers of the Company during their respective tenures, are liable as direct participants in the wrongs complained of herein. Defendants Tzuo and Sloat are liable for the false and misleading statements

- that they acted either with intent to deceive, manipulate, or defraud, or with deliberate recklessness. The misrepresentations and omissions of material facts set forth herein, which presented a danger of misleading buyers or sellers of Zuora stock, were either known to the Defendants or were so obvious that the Defendants should have been aware of them.
- 281. Lead Plaintiff and the Class have suffered damages in that, in reliance on the integrity of the market, they paid artificially inflated prices for Zuora common stock, which inflation was removed from its price when the true facts became known. Lead Plaintiff and the Class would not have purchased Zuora common stock at the prices they paid, or at all, if they had been aware that the market price had been artificially and falsely inflated by these Defendants' misleading statements.
- 282. As a direct and proximate result of these Defendants' wrongful conduct, Lead Plaintiff and the other members of the Class suffered damages attributable to the material misstatements and omissions alleged herein in connection with their purchases of Zuora common stock during the Class Period.



COUNT II For Violations Of Section 20(a) Of The Exchange Act (Against Defendants Tzuo and Sloat)

- 283. Lead Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained above as if fully set forth herein.
- 284. This Count is asserted on behalf of all members of the Class against Defendants Tzuo and Sloat, for violations of Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78t(a).
- 285. During their tenures as officers and/or directors of Zuora, each of these Defendants was a controlling person of the Company within the meaning of Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act. See ¶24-25. By reason of their positions of control and authority as officers and/or directors of Zuora, these Defendants had the power and authority to direct the management and activities of the Company and its employees, and to cause the Company to engage in the wrongful conduct complained of herein. These Defendants were able to and did control, directly and indirectly, the content of the public statements made by Zuora during the Class Period, including its materially misleading financial statements, thereby causing the dissemination of the false and misleading statements and omissions of material facts as alleged herein.
- 286. In their capacities as senior corporate officers of the Company, and as more fully described above in ¶24-25, Defendants Tzuo and Sloat had direct involvement in the day-to-day operations of the Company. Defendants Tzuo and Sloat signed certain of the Company's SEC filings during the Class Period and were directly involved in providing false information and certifying and approving the false statements disseminated by Zuora during the Class Period. As a result of the foregoing, Defendants Tzuo and Sloat, as a group and individually, were controlling persons of Zuora within the meaning of Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act.
- 287. As set forth above, Zuora violated Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act by its acts and omissions as alleged in this Complaint.
- 288. By virtue of their positions as controlling persons of Zuora and as a result of their own aforementioned conduct, Defendants Tzuo and Sloat are liable pursuant to Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act, jointly and severally with, and to the same extent as, the Company is liable under Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder, to Lead Plaintiff and the

1	other members of the Class who purchased or otherwise acquired Zuora common stock. As detailed			
2	above, during the respective times these Defendants served as officers and/or directors of Zuora,			
3	each of these Defendants was culpable for the material misstatements and omissions made by Zuor			
4	289.	As a direct and proximate result of these Defendants' conduct, Lead Plaintiff and the		
5	other members of the Class suffered damages in connection with their purchase or acquisition of			
6	Zuora common stock.			
7	XII. PRAYER FOR RELIEF			
8	290.	WHEREFORE, Lead Plaintiff prays for relief and judgment as follows:		
9	(a)	Declaring the action to be a proper class action pursuant to Rule 23(a) and (b)(3) of		
10	the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure on behalf of the Class defined herein;			
11	(b)	Awarding all damages and other remedies available under the Exchange Act in favor		
12	of Lead Plaintiff and all members of the Class against Defendants in an amount to be proven at trial,			
13	including interest thereon;			
14	(c)	Awarding Lead Plaintiff and the Class their reasonable costs and expenses incurred in		
15	this action, including attorneys' fees and expert fees; and			
16	(d)	Such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.		
17		XIII. JURY DEMAND		
18	291.	Lead Plaintiff demands a trial by jury.		
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